

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - APRIL 6, 2018

NATIONAL

- Healthcare analytics market will be worth nearly \$54 billion by 2025, report says
- A small but growing movement of doctors that don't accept insurance and charge a monthly fee could be a model for big employers like Amazon and JPMorgan
- Walmart, Not Amazon, May Turn Out To Be The Real Health Care Disruptor
- OIG: Medicaid Fraud Control Units Recovered \$1.8B in 2017
- A Walmart-Humana giant scares hospitals: 5 reasons why
- Why Walmart may want to buy Humana
- A study that looked at physician billing estimates \$11B-\$54B in challenged revenue each year
- Telemedicine licensure and related challenges for physicians
- OCR considers compensating victims of healthcare breaches
- Merger and acquisition activity has record-breaking first quarter in 2018
- Meet the modern healthcare CIO: A business leader that is casting off their traditional IT role
- Judge asks AHA to weigh in on Medicare appeals backlog
- CMS' new Medicare rules may be fueling Walmart, Amazon deals
- CMS axes a Medicare Advantage star rating measure
- Physicians get 3 additional days to report MIPS data

NORTHEAST

(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont)

CONNECTICUT

- Connecticut ASC wins AAAHC's Quality Improvement Award
- Workers allege criminal activity at Bridgeport Health Care Center
- CT Children's CEO named to Mass. biotech company's board
- UConn Health Is Pursuing A Private-Public Partnership
- Trinity Health of New England names new president and CEO
- Western Connecticut Health To Merge With Hudson Valley Hospital System
- VC-backed Inbox Health taps Gamble as COO
- Silver Hill Hospital hires new president, medical director
- Middlesex Hospital expands USJ pharmacy partnership

- New Haven's Inbox Health promotes founder to CEO

MAINE

- Maine DHHS continues to face nursing shortage
- Eastern Maine Healthcare is changing its name
- EMHS to rebrand as 'Northern Light Health'

MASSACHUSETTS

- Massachusetts healthcare cost growth beat its benchmark, but commission says drug prices are still a concern
- Labor board finds merit to nurses' unfair labor allegations
- GE sells off part of health care division for \$1B
- Beth Israel-Lahey merger takes another key step forward
- CMC, Mass. General to team up for new Salem office
- OptumCare acquires Reliant Medical Group in Massachusetts
- Boston City Council to hold hearing on Beth Israel-Lahey merger
- Report: Partners health care expensive in Mass.
- 4 thoughts on blockchain from Beth Israel Deaconess CIO Dr. John Halamka
- UnitedHealth's Optum completes acquisition of Reliant Medical Group for \$28M

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Southern New Hampshire Medical Center Welcomes New CMO
- New Hampshire hospitals win challenge to Medicaid payment rules

NEW YORK

- Jeff Coakley Named Oswego Hospital Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
- John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers chases partnership as fiscal struggles mount
- Joseph's Health Acquires New York Heart Center
- Long-term care provider pays \$10.3M to resolve false billing allegations
- Albany Med nurses will vote on whether to unionize

RHODE ISLAND

- Union Files Labor Complaint Against Fatima Hospital For Withholding Inspection Documents
- I. awards \$1.3 million to URI for health care workforce training
- NLRB seeks survey on Fatima Hospital's medical device maintenance

VERMONT

- University of Vermont Health Network names new president for 2 hospitals
- UVM Medical Center starts nurse residency program

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

(Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)

DELAWARE

- Hospital CEOs don't like Delaware plan to rein in health care costs
- New MCO is negotiating value-based Medicaid contracts with Delaware health providers
- Delaware's health advisory group discuss data metrics for health outcomes

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Hospital in Southeast would be half the size of United Medical Center
- United Medical Center's replacement hospital could be half its current size
- Sewage leaks in operating rooms still plagued Washington's hospital for VIPs, reports show

MARYLAND

- MedStar opening \$1.75 million cancer center at Good Samaritan Hospital
- Johns Hopkins Hospital Interns Will No Longer Wear Short White Coats
- Bryan Cunningham to lead MedStar Orthopaedics spinal research efforts
- Maryland lawmakers tackle health care proposals
- Maryland experiment to shift services away from hospitals falls short of goals, reports say
- Baltimore's MedStar Franklin Square hospital closing some pediatric services
- AdvantEdge Healthcare Solutions expands billing services through acquisition

NEW JERSEY

- J. medical firm to pay \$418K after patient records were exposed online
- Francis Medical taps Moen as president
- Virtua fined \$418,000 for patient data breach
- State Senate committee amends out-of-network bill

PENNSYLVANIA

- Yardley resident named COO for Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia
- Two more central Pa. hospital systems heading toward merger
- WellSpan Health announces plans to affiliate with Summit Health in Franklin County
- Wills Eye in Philly marks a huge win, regaining hospital status under Medicare
- Wills Eye receives hospital designation again after 12-year tussle
- In unusual move, Geisinger and St. Luke's will build, co-own central Pa. hospital
- In midst of 'merger boom,' Jefferson moves toward acquiring Einstein hospital network
- Plans ongoing for Pennsylvania microhospital after leaders terminated

- Crozer-Keystone opens neurologic emergency department in Delco
- Bucks County biotech firm gets a much-needed \$2.6M cash infusion
- Penn Medicine Just Launched a New Alliance With Two Regional Health Systems
- Penn State Health will use \$25 million Highmark grant to improve cancer care in central Pa.
- Here's more details about AHN's cancer center in Butler

VIRGINIA

- Bill would give Virginia nurse practitioners more autonomy
- Area hospitals and health care providers look to fill hundreds of positions
- Regional cancer center earns rigorous certification

WEST VIRGINIA

- Mon Health taps Thomas Senker as interim CEO
- WVU Medicine's Heart & Vascular Institute continues to grow and employ new techniques
- Hey, what's that?—new healthcare facility in Lewis County
- 2 WVU Medicine hospitals gain CFO, HR director

CENTRAL

(Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota)

IOWA

- Iowa governor signs law allowing health plans that skirt ACA
- Davenport hospital reaches \$1.88 million Medicare settlement
- Panel orders University of Iowa to pay millions in Children's Hospital dispute
- Medicaid cases top complaints to Iowa Ombudsman office
- HomeChoice Senior Care joins BrightStar Care
- Reynolds signs association health plan bill
- Reynolds signs telehealth insurance parity bill
- Davenport hospital reaches \$1.88 million Medicare settlement

KANSAS

- Overland Park Radiation Clinic Linked To Companies That Settled Kickback Charges
- Leadership change takes effect at BCBS Kansas
- State of Kansas moves to take over 15 struggling nursing homes
- NueHealth names new CEO, adds two executives

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota's big health plans ended 2017 in the black

- UnitedHealth's Optum taps partners in blockchain push
- Allina Health and Zipnosis partner to expand online care platform
- Allina Health hit by computer network outage

MISSOURI

- Concordance Healthcare co-CEOs to retire, replacement named
- SSM Health's annual operating income drops 43%
- SSM appoints new COO for St. Louis market
- Ascension CEO outlines new strategic direction for nation's largest nonprofit health system
- Ascension charts new strategic direction
- Mercy launching health care cloud

NEBRASKA

- CHI Health St. Mary's President Dan Kelly to step down
- Report: Nebraska has 13 counties with no primary care doctors
- Rural healthcare lacking in Nebraska
- Kearney Regional Medical Center hires new CEO

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford sees record patient volumes, plans to add beds
- Help wanted: what's behind the nation's nursing shortage
- ND defends lawsuit challenging state's regulation of air ambulance charges

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Rapid City Regional Health leads the way in cardiovascular therapy
- MetaBank moves into healthcare loans

MIDWEST

(Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin)

ILLINOIS

- Illinois eye doctors at odds over who can perform procedures
- Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital in Barrington appoints new vice president

INDIANA

- Indiana pain center to open clinic, ASC in former Walgreens
- Anthem members face bigger bills at local micro-hospitals
- Indiana hospital systems collaborate on health needs survey
- Indiana Medical Leaders Launch Tech-Based Opioid Prescribing Education for Clinicians

- IU Health CFO Jennifer Alvey: Health system finance chiefs must be 'thoughtful, collaborative and agile'
- Why hospitalists are the fastest growing medical specialty. And why you've likely already met one.
- Push is on to bring free 'life-changing' mobile health clinic to Northwest Indiana

KENTUCKY

- Elmcroft pays \$5 million to settle dispute with federal government
- Skilled nursing facility settles false claims allegations
- Plans moving forward to implement Medicaid waiver
- Hospitals fear competitive threat from potential Walmart-Humana deal
- Large Skilled Nursing Chain Signature Plans Eventual Home Health Expansion
- Walmart reportedly set to acquire health insurance behemoth Humana
- Our Lady of Peace Hospital may play a part in the KentuckyOne sell-off after all
- Humana joins blockchain pilot program with four other national health care giants
- Kindred Healthcare shareholders approve acquisition

MICHIGAN

- West Michigan Cancer Center to move some services to partner hospitals
- West Branch joins MidMichigan Health, becomes MidMichigan Medical Center - West Branch
- Beaumont Health appoints two new executives
- Unionized nurses' allegations of employee coercion at UPHS-Marquette spur NLRB complaint
- U-M explores construction of new adult inpatient facility
- MDHHS initiative looks to overhaul health services
- University of Michigan gets \$150M cancer research gift

OHIO

- University Hospitals facing 117 lawsuits after fertility clinic malfunction
- Akron Children's Hospital to get \$3M in federal funding
- Beaumont Medical Group names new president
- Cleveland Clinic integration begins at Union Hospital
- UC Health investing \$1.5M to diversify medical profession
- Upper Valley Medical Center president retires
- Why Alliance's hospital thrives and Massillon's closed
- Crystal Clinic's future neighbors to fight new hospital
- Ohio treatment center owner target of Medicaid fraud probe
- Cincinnati health care firm posts first profitable year

- Unknown number of former Summa job applicants part of national data breach
- Ohio State hospital to establish nation's 1st heart failure and arrhythmia center with \$18M gift
- Elizabeth's first medical center north of Ohio River set to open
- CareSource Announces New Core Team Position
- Greater Cincinnati hospital revamping medical center
- Ohio bans 'gag orders' in PBM contracts
- Ohio State hospital to establish nation's 1st heart failure and arrhythmia center with \$18M gift

WISCONSIN

- Wisconsin Nursing Homes In Western Wisconsin Announce Closures
- Merged Aurora Health Care, Advocate Health Care consider clinic expansion near Foxconn
- SSM Health Names Steve Little To Newly Created Position
- Mercyhealth appoints new vice presidents of finance
- Aurora Health Care to roll out AI-powered 'digital concierge'
- ProHealth Care determined to remain independent amid consolidation trend in health care
- Beaver Dam Community Hospital's Kim Miller named CEO to Know by Becker's Hospital Review
- Ascension Wisconsin cutting services at St. Joseph hospital
- Aurora Health Care operating income fell slightly in 2017
- CMS cites UnityPoint-Meriter for 7 deficiencies after infant abuse allegations

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

ALABAMA

- Birmingham doctors indicted for \$7.8M health care fraud
- Vestavia lawmaker, former Alabama GOP chair indicted along with health care CEO
- Vincent's Health System to open second training location

FLORIDA

- Dade City hospital renamed as Adventist takes over
- Monmouth County slaps two Florida cancer care companies with lawsuit on behalf of retirees
- Mednax acquires Children's Urology Associates
- More leaders join call for greater scrutiny of hospital board's spending
- Jackson CEO gets \$100K pay raise to run Miami public hospital system
- How Apple's latest iPhone update will improve health care for BayCare, Florida Hospital patients
- Bayfront Health Dade City Joins Adventist Health System

- [Florida Pharmacy Owner Gets 13 Years For Health Care Fraud](#)
- [Bayshore Home Care Emerges Leader in Offering Home Health Care in Florida](#)
- [HCA sells Florida long-term care hospital](#)
- [Medicaid Changes And Other Health Legislation Highlights](#)
- [This Central Florida hospital to add 150+ beds](#)
- [Joseph's Hospital's \\$126M makeover](#)

GEORGIA

- [Orthopedic, anesthesia providers settle false claims allegations for \\$3.2M](#)
- [Clearview Regional becomes Piedmont Walton Hospital](#)
- [Negotiations Continue with Piedmont, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia](#)
- [Piedmont grows again, adding Monroe hospital](#)
- [CHI Memorial Hospital Georgia CEO to resign](#)
- [UNG to acquire Chestatee Regional property after sale to NGHS](#)
- [Rome taking new tack on Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital property](#)
- [Georgia hospital to close](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [University of Mississippi Medical Center names new chief HR officer](#)
- [Ochsner Medical Center enters long-term lease in Hancock County](#)
- [Gastroenterology Associates of North Mississippi expanding service through new clinic](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Mecklenburg Medical Group doctors sue Atrium Health to break away from hospital system](#)
- [Triangle, Charlotte firms to merge, creating 'HQ1' and 'HQ2'](#)
- [Lexington hospital will get \\$31.5 million surgical center to replace 40-year-old operating rooms, Wake Forest Baptist says](#)
- [Staffing Shortages Briefly Close Some N Carolina Clinics](#)
- [Erlanger Murphy Medical Center opens doors](#)
- [Duke Health affiliate faces official complaint that alleges that it threatened its employees](#)
- [Atrium Relents After Doctors Sue For Independence](#)
- [Novant confirms 5 percent increase in excess revenue for fiscal 2017](#)
- [5 things to know about Mission Health's proposed HCA Healthcare deal](#)
- [Harsh commercials are latest development in spat between Atrium Health and doctors](#)
- [Critical condition: Providers, employers taking steps to address burnout](#)
- [Lawmakers call for state investigation, regulation of NC's natural birth centers](#)

- Landmark Health plans N.C. entrance through partnership with BCBSNC
- Mission Health deal would bring \$7 million in Asheville property taxes
- Wound center closing doors
- Atrium Health countersues over anesthesia contract dispute, 'frivolous' lawsuit
- Mission deal would add \$7M to city property tax income
- Duke, Mission join UNC in Apple collaboration
- Atrium CEO addresses lawsuits, media 'noise' in employee memo
- Southeast Anesthesiology: 'Facts will speak' in lawsuit against Atrium Health

SOUTH CAROLINA

- AnMed Health closing its retail pharmacies
- AnMed Health to shutter 2 retail pharmacies — 10 workers affected
- Carolinas Hospital System - discover the Carolinas difference
- North Myrtle Beach Chamber names Tideland's Health Business of the Year
- MUSC announces changes to maternity and medical leave policy
- Council greenlights Greenville Health, Palmetto Health's \$1.5B debt restructuring plan

TENNESSEE

- How a Nashville designer turned hospitals on to hospitality
- Rutherford County hospitals expanding to meet health care demand
- CHS continues hospital sell-off spree
- Quorum Health sells 77-bed Georgia hospital to Piedmont
- Adventist Buys CHS' Bayfront Health
- Alexander: Nashville leading effort to make electronic health records easier to use
- Former CHD Meridian, Qualifacts exec named Compassus CFO
- Microsoft sues Community Health Systems for alleged copyright infringement
- CHS' latest headache: A lawsuit from Microsoft
- After losing Brentwood fight, HCA's TriStar eyes Antioch for new facility
- Ballad Health selects new chief HR officer

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

(Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

ARKANSAS

- Nonprofit at center of kickback scheme saw huge growth in state contracts in recent years
- Walmart reportedly set to acquire health insurance behemoth Humana

- [Emergency hospital in Cabot](#)
- [Piggott Community Hospital Adding Services](#)

ARIZONA

- [Banner Health CFO Dennis Laraway's top piece of advice](#)
- [Ruling: Judges lack authority for hotlines on emergency care](#)
- [Banner Health expects hacker probe will fault its security](#)
- [Banner Health warns of possible 'negative findings' from federal data breach probe](#)
- [LifePoint Health appoints 1st-ever Western Arizona market president](#)

LOUISIANA

- [Louisiana home health firm doubles size with acquisition](#)
- [University Hospital and Clinics partnership in jeopardy, LGH demands state to pay](#)
- [Without funding, University Hospital & Clinics may close by July 1](#)
- [Ochsner and LSU close to signing a contract](#)
- [Lafayette General threatens to close Louisiana hospital, terminate 800 employees without full state funding](#)
- [Louisiana House votes to allow cameras in nursing home rooms](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Hospital continues financial improvements](#)
- [Remote Area Medical to operate first-ever clinics](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Research By Oklahoma Scientists Could Lead To New Obesity Drug](#)
- [Oklahoma Ranks Near The Top In Overdose Deaths From Stimulants, CDC Data Show](#)
- [Paramedics Plus, Oklahoma agency settle federal kickback lawsuit](#)
- [Local activists question Norman Regional health board about circumstances surrounding death](#)

TEXAS

- [Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital breaks ground on new sports medicine facility](#)
- [Panelists from Baylor Scott & White, UT Southwestern, and Children's Weigh In On Hospital Innovation](#)
- [Texas intensifies efforts to boost maternal health care](#)
- [Express ER holds grand opening ceremony for Abilene location](#)
- [Two Coastal Health administrators resign amid probe into disease exposure](#)
- [\\$15M sports medicine facility breaks ground at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital](#)
- [Texas Health Releases Efficiency Figures from 2017](#)
- [Blue Cross and Texas Health end dispute with four-year agreement](#)

- Ascension Texas, Seton and Buda officials break ground on new health center
- HCA-owned hospital network St. David's grows with purchase of nine Austin clinics, 700 employees
- After losing Brentwood fight, HCA's TriStar eyes Antioch for new facility
- David's HealthCare acquires Austin Diagnostic Clinic
- BCBS, Texas Health Resources reach 11th hour agreement

NORTHWEST

(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming)

ALASKA

- UnitedHealth Group hiring health plan CEO, other positions in Alaska
- Health policy bills see progress in Alaska Legislature

IDAHO

- Why are two medical centers building or expanding clinics in Buhl?
- Primary Health Medical Group opens new Nampa clinic

MONTANA

- Neurosurgeon to admit charge in bankruptcy fraud case
- Bozeman Health announces hospital expansion
- Bartos reflects on 30 years of change at Marcus Daly Hospital

OREGON

- Charles new health records system goes live Saturday
- Bay Area Hospital names new chief quality officer
- PeaceHealth names interim CEO for Lane County operations

WASHINGTON

- EvergreenHealth CEO, Robert Malte, announces retirement
- MultiCare Indigo Urgent Care expanding to Spokane region
- Healthcare tech company Accolade raises another \$50M, total funding tops \$200M
- Behavioral Health hospital takes shape
- Kootenai Health launches master plan's third phase
- Inland Imaging to merge with Tri-Cities practice
- Grays Harbor Community Hospital lays off another 23 employees
- UW Medicine considers closing part or all of psychiatric unit at flagship hospital

WYOMING

- Campbell hospital trustee will not address potential ethics violations

- Hot Springs County hospital expansion progressing
- Campbell County Health starts thinking about next CEO

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Dignity Health chief HR officer on system's plan to create a self-funded HR department
- California hospital expansion
- San Ramon Regional Medical Center names new CEO
- UC medical centers receive \$8M award to improve advance care planning
- California alleges hospital system unfairly inflated costs
- State files antitrust suit against Sutter Health
- California hospital lays off 37 employees amid closure plans
- Clovis Community Medical Center eyes \$390M expansion

COLORADO

- Westminster health-care company acquired by international firm
- UCHealth acquires Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park
- North Colorado Medical Center boosts level of care for neonatal patients
- Breach at Denver hospital increased risk of HIV, hepatitis infections

HAWAII

- New studies name Hawaii among worst for doctors, best for affordable care
- In historic vote, Hawaii Senate OKs bill to legalize medical 'aid in dying'
- Kohala Hospital to receive improvement project funds
- Kaiser Permanente names new president for Hawaii region
- Kaiser Permanente Hawaii pays \$22M to buy Maui land from A&B
- Hawaii Health Systems Corp. appoints Lance Segawa CEO of Kauai region

NEVADA

- Newspaper: Las Vegas hospitals quick to discharge patients
- Sunrise gets new chief nursing officer

UTAH

- Intermountain Outsources 98 IT Jobs as Part of Larger Restructuring
- Sound Sleep Medical Opens Offices in Ogden and Provo