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- [Feds boast \\$2.4B in healthcare fraud judgments, settlements](#)
- [GAO Finds Several Medicare Beneficiary Data Vulnerabilities](#)
- [Feds, 30 states claim McKesson illegally repackaged cancer drugs to maximize profits](#)
- [Fitch identifies biggest issues facing nonprofit hospitals](#)
- [The Disappearing Doctor: How Mega-Mergers Are Changing the Business of Medical Care](#)
- [How to Ramp Up Physician Engagement at Your Health System](#)
- [UnitedHealth builds a physician army in race to control costs](#)
- [Healthcare mega-mergers push primary care clinics 'closer to extinction': 5 takeaways](#)
- [35 new ASCs in Q1 of 2018](#)
- [Facebook confirms asking top hospitals for patient data](#)
- [Medscape's annual physician compensation report finds modest increase in physician pay](#)
- [Black Book: Duplicate patient records cost hospitals almost \\$2k per inpatient stay](#)
- [Is the doctor shortage problem overblown?](#)
- [Facebook halts hospital data project amid Cambridge Analytica scandal](#)
- [CMS Updates MRI and Implanted Cardiac Devices Coverage](#)
- [AMA opposes opioid prescription limits](#)
- [1 in 3 CNOs admit nursing shortages are harming patient care](#)

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [After abuse scandal, CT lawmakers push to reform Whiting](#)
- [Norwalk Medical Practice Allegedly Violated False Claims Act: DOJ](#)
- [Hartford Hospital holds mass casualty drill on Tuesday](#)
- [Malloy says health tech company expanding in Connecticut](#)
- [Connecticut Children's To Expand NICU Service At St. Vincent's](#)
- [Survey: CT residents fret over prescription costs](#)
- [Survey: CT doc pay third-highest in U.S.](#)

- Greater Hartford ranked No. 1 for physician assistants

MAINE

- Embattled Calais hospital to discontinue outpatient cancer services
- Tucker steps up as Greater Portland Health's new CEO
- Calais Regional Hospital announces new cost-cutting measures

MASSACHUSETTS

- Nurses at Massachusetts hospital plan one-day strike
- Hearing planned in Boston for proposed 13-hospital merger
- Carney Hospital president takes new job
- Tufts hospital CEO criticizes planned Beth Israel-Lahey merger
- Ballot question could impose nurse-patient staffing ratios
- Boston City Council Holds Hearing on Proposed Merger of 13 Hospitals
- BCBS of Massachusetts cherry picks digital health tools for new platform
- Proposed hospital merger gets key state approval
- Baystate Franklin nurses on the picket line: 'There are problems inside this hospital'
- Carney Hospital president to leave in July

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire hospitals take aim at the opioid epidemic, invest \$50M in state initiatives
- New Hampshire Medicaid expansion renewal gains steam in state House
- Hospital losses accrue despite positive 2017
- New Hampshire hospitals win challenge to Medicaid payment rules

NEW YORK

- Sisters Hospital to open expanded 'family-centered' neonatal unit
- Cayuga Medical Center, Family Health Network announce collaboration agreement for clinical care
- NYU Langone Health to open outpatient building for specialty practices
- Ticonderoga health facilities change hands
- Why valets matter, and other insights from health system's CEO
- Westfield Memorial Hospital unveils new emergency department
- In union fight, Albany Med nurses seek higher pay, benefits and respect
- CEO of Visiting Nurse Service of New York resigns
- New York state to award \$15 million in grants for medical schools
- Medina hospital signs affiliation deal with Rochester Regional

- New York oncology practice files for bankruptcy following FBI raid

RHODE ISLAND

- Mayor, CharterCare to make announcement about Memorial Hospital
- CharterCARE offers to invest \$10M in Memorial, plans revival starting with ER, CNE downplays plan
- Commerce RI approves incentives for new Amgen biomanufacturing facility
- Prospect subsidiary offers to buy, reopen shuttered Rhode Island hospital

VERMONT

- Patricia Fisher joins CVMC as Chief Medical Officer
- Grace Cottage Hospital gets new cell service

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Analysis: Spending on health care leaves rest of economy in the dust
- Wilmington consulting firm takes aim at healthcare costs of lab tests
- The legacy behind Christiana Care's new health center

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- MedImmune spinoff leads Greater Washington to stellar VC funding quarter
- DC VA hospital's acting director departs amid investigation into his appointment
- Washington Post: Why DC shouldn't 'blow' \$300M on hospital

MARYLAND

- MedStar hospital to shutter pediatric inpatient, ER units; 20 jobs affected
- Franklin Square Hospital to combine pediatric, main emergency rooms
- PRMC, McCready hospitals consider partnership
- Mixed reviews for Maryland's unique hospital payment system
- Maryland governor signs bills to help stabilize health care
- Rothman talks providing healthcare in Baltimore

NEW JERSEY

- Earned sick leave, out-of-network bills in health legislation
- New Jersey AG fines Virtua Medical Group \$418K for HIPAA violations tied to vendor oversight
- Six New Jersey Health Systems Borrow a Page From Amazon

PENNSYLVANIA

- How a Pa. health system reduced opioid prescriptions by more than half

- Penn Medicine forges new clinical care alliance
- Drexel and Tower to open medical school branch at Reading Hospital
- Bucktail Medical Center out of bankruptcy
- Allegheny Health Network lays off 75 in back-office jobs; plans to hire up to 1,000 more
- Independence Health Group posts profit gain in competitive market
- Tower Health ASC becomes 1st to win TrueNorth award
- Physician's estate agrees to pay \$625,000 false claims settlement
- Founding CEO of Trevena biopharm firm to retire
- Firm at center of Pa. Medicaid contract controversy to open \$20M call center in Blair County
- Tower Health eyes academic medical center designation
- Jefferson Health to eliminate 400 hospital beds by 2022
- 3 Pennsylvania health systems just teamed up in Greater Philadelphia
- Interim-CEO named for Hahnemann University Hospital
- National surgery center developer to open site in Bucks County

VIRGINIA

- Sovah Health in Martinsville becomes part of Duke Heart Network
- Virginia is on the verge of expanding Medicaid to 400,000 people
- Sentara Healthcare's annual net income nearly doubles

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Dubuque hospital again seeking state OK for cancer center
- Iowa health care authorities approve reimbursement model for Medicaid services
- UI receives \$21 million health research grant

KANSAS

- Shawnee Mission Health opens new hybrid
- Mid-Continent Anesthesiology sues two former presidents
- Kansas Regulators Say Quick Action Needed To Protect Residents Of Failing Nursing Homes

MINNESOTA

- Sanford welcomes new vice presidents
- Allina Health Recovers From System-Wide Stint of EHR Downtime
- Conditions of Minn. State Hospitals Reach Crisis Point, Officials Say

- Mayo Clinic offers buyouts to hundreds of medical transcriptionists
- Fairview, Allina push back on Regions expansion plan
- Minnesota cancer care network to expand access to clinical trials
- HealthPartners taps former Target exec to lead HR
- Former HealthEast CEO takes top exec job at Portland health system

MISSOURI

- Missouri governor OKs \$700M budget hike, mainly for Medicaid
- Feds: Missouri company and its owner will pay \$525,000 to settle false claims case
- Feds give Kansas, Missouri more say in health insurance

NEBRASKA

- About 1,650 Nebraska nursing home workers are paid after state steps in
- 13 counties in Nebraska still lack a primary care physician, UNMC report says
- Nebraska health group will pay \$677,000 over allegations of false Medicare, Medicaid claims
- Gothenburg Health has positive economic impact
- Children's opening 2nd pediatric ICU; full beds have forced hospital to send away 400 kids since 2015
- Cash-strapped Nebraska hospital seeks \$800k to avoid closure
- Community discusses hospital bond
- Nebraska assisted-living facility oversight committee approved

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford, Mid Dakota await appeal in Bismarck merger case

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford, Mid Dakota await appeal in Bismarck merger case
- Mary's looking forward to another year of big changes in 2018
- New hospital opens in Custer

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Memorial Hospital gets third new doctors' group
- Hospital doing more with less
- of C. trauma center gains final state approval, set to open May 1
- New law lifts stalled senior housing project at former Ravenswood Hospital
- Rural Illinois ACO to Implement Cerner Population Health Platform

- SIH unveils \$23.7M expansion in Herrin
- Herrin Hospital expands some of its departments
- He started in computers. Now he's running a hospital.
- Rush, Little Company of Mary Hospital call off merger plan

INDIANA

- Vincent confirms land purchase in Carmel
- Hospital staff professional assumes state leadership role
- Franciscan Health unveils West Tower expansion
- Elizabeth to Open Greendale Facility
- Alabama-based trust buys Lutheran cancer center building for \$15 million
- Cautionary Tale: Health System Victim of 'Breach Season'
- Hospital works with ride-sharing business to transport patients
- Baptist Health Floyd Names Executive Director of Finance
- Peyton Manning Children's Hospital expands PICU to care for more critically ill children
- Medical Device Startup Looking to Win Big
- Consultants to present findings Friday on new uses for hospital site

KENTUCKY

- Kentucky Attorney General files court action to protect health care system
- Kindred Agrees to Pay \$12 Million to Settle Labor Related Charges
- Kindred Shareholders Approve Humana Deal Amid Walmart Speculation
- Elizabeth to Open Greendale Facility
- Medical Device Startup Looking to Win Big
- Norton Healthcare named a Workplace of the Year
- Humana expands Medicare business with acquisition of physicians group
- Humana acquires large Medicare Advantage, managed care physicians group in Florida
- Kindred Healthcare settles overtime case for \$12 million

MICHIGAN

- Henry Ford Health System announces \$20 million gift from anonymous donor
- New PACE facility in Dearborn helps expand long-term care services for area seniors
- 4 insights into Priority Health's + BCBS of Michigan's hip and knee bundled payment programs
- Spectrum Health partners with genetic-based wellness company on new offering
- McLaren Lansing names new President and CEO

- [Health system acquires practice and urgent care center](#)
- [Gwen MacKenzie to leave as top executive at Ascension Michigan](#)
- [Michigan Medicine receives record-setting \\$150M gift to enhance cancer care](#)
- [UP Health System-Portage taps new CEO](#)

OHIO

- [Summa Health ready to submit application to re-establish lost emergency medicine residency training program](#)
- [Mercy Health Opens \\$4.2M Infusion Center](#)
- [OB/GYN department first to close at Good Samaritan Hospital](#)
- [How Cleveland Clinic CIO Ed Marx helps his staff navigate change](#)
- [University Hospitals replaces director of fertility clinic](#)
- [University Hospitals buys Andover health facility](#)
- [Nursing home assistants among Ohio's most dangerous occupations: A Critical Choice](#)
- [Trotwood dialysis facility sells for \\$1.8M](#)
- [Skilled nursing facility to open in Washington Township](#)
- [Shane Knisley is Fairfield Hospital's new COO](#)

WISCONSIN

- [‘Going to have an impact:’ City leaders concerned after services impacted at St. Joseph Hospital](#)
- [Ascension Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Hospital moving to Elmbrook Memorial Hospital](#)
- [City officials criticize Ascension downsizing of safety-net hospital St. Joseph](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [UAB to build new medical facility in Hoover](#)
- [In the Southern U.S., Alabama Leaders Look to Evolve HIT Efforts](#)

FLORIDA

- [Martin Health System seeks big investment as it negotiates exclusively with Cleveland Clinic](#)
- [OrthoNow founder passes CEO title to veteran health care executive Mendez](#)
- [South Florida adult congenital heart program first in state to be accredited](#)
- [Curahealth buys Specialty Hospital](#)
- [Baptist Health South Florida, Navigant Form RCM Joint Venture](#)
- [Tampa private partnership aimed at reducing nursing shortages hits important mark](#)
- [Haven Hospice will pay over \\$5 million to resolve allegations](#)

- Arnold Palmer Hospital president retires
- Florida eye doctor ordered to pay millions more
- Boca Raton hospital receives \$25M donation for new patient tower
- Florida hospital opening \$34M ER, outpatient surgery center
- Humana acquires large Medicare Advantage, managed care physicians group in Florida
- Broward Health adds 4 executives

GEORGIA

- Telehealth can expand health care access in Georgia
- Ex-CEO of hospital, doctors indicted in pain pill scheme
- HHS says Ciox Health lawsuit challenging HIPAA enforcement lacks standing
- Georgia hospital closure will result in 200 layoffs
- University of Georgia, state to absorb out-of-pocket claims for 600k employees affected by Piedmont-BCBS split
- Phoebe Putney Health System has \$1.28 billion impact in 2016
- Hospital generates more than \$27,824,210 to economy
- Georgia governor asks Piedmont, Blue Cross to reach deal
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta opening its first urgent care center inside the perimeter

MISSISSIPPI

- Children's of Mississippi collaborating with Memorial Hospital in Gulfport
- UMMC physicians creating opioid use alternatives model

NORTH CAROLINA

- Onslow Memorial Hospital experiences financial loss
- 10 years later: Merger of Novant and Rowan changed local care
- North Carolina wants to review Cary birthing centers where 3 died
- Raleigh's NovaQuest acquires Massachusetts pharma firm for \$69.9 million
- Document: Novant, Memorial officials planned hospital takeover in three-year deal
- Frye Regional Medical Center offers neurosurgery for the first time in more than a decade
- Wake Forest Baptist Back in Medicare's Good Graces
- Here's where things stand with Atrium and the doctors who want to break away
- Novant Health Brunswick Endoscopy Center readies for opening
- New CEO takes helm at hospital
- Mission Health-HCA adds to vigorous pace of health system M&A in 2018, with deals expected to grow larger
- Freestanding North Carolina endoscopy center to open, 1st in Brunswick County

- Santa Ana: Hospital exceeding its goals
- Doctor home visit program reduces emergency room visits
- Atrium Health's Levine Children's Hospital announce \$5 million donation from Isabella Santos Foundation

SOUTH CAROLINA

- OPINION: GHS board has worked hard to address concerns of council
- Here's what to do if your Midlands doctors office is closing
- New family medicine practice to open in Forest Acres

TENNESSEE

- ER Visits Show Methodist South Filling Primary Care Gap in Whitehaven
- Covenant Health announces Fort Sanders expansion plans; approval needed
- Two Tennessee healthcare execs charged in \$4.6 million Medicare scheme
- Admissions halted at nursing home that removed patient for smoking
- New bill promises better stroke care in Tennessee
- UTHSC set to open new \$39M training facility
- Tennessee doctors plead guilty in \$65 million military health care fraud scheme
- Microsoft sues Community Health Systems for copyright infringement
- Ballad Health selects new chief HR officer
- HCA buys doc group in Texas
- CHS lays off dozens of corporate employees

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs Joins ACH's Nursery Alliance
- Medical Center and Arkansas Heart Hospital announce strategic alliance
- CHI St. Vincent selects former CHI St. Luke's Health-Memorial exec as CFO

ARIZONA

- Arizona Center for Cancer Care faces lawsuit alleging \$8 million in Medicare fraud
- Former Banner Health exec named CEO of Cancer Treatment Centers of America's Arizona hospital
- Banner Health settles whistleblower case for \$18 million
- Coyotes give \$250,000 to Phoenix Children's Hospital

LOUISIANA

- 'No timeline' for Medicaid work requirements, state says

- [Safety-net hospitals, med school leaders sound budget alarm](#)
- [House panel cites 'red flags' in Louisiana Medicaid spending](#)
- [Louisiana exploring option to implement work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries](#)
- [Lafayette General threatens to shutter hospital amid budget impasse](#)
- [Louisiana House 'grannycam' bill unanimously approved](#)
- [Teche Regional Medical Center taps Aphreikah DuHaney-West as permanent CEO](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Texas healthcare company to bring 244 jobs to Albuquerque](#)
- [Health care co. commits to Downtown, will bring over 200 jobs](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Potential Oklahoma E-Prescribing Law Still up in the Air](#)
- [Doctors Question Push For More Independent Nurses As Lawmakers Consider How to Fill Health Gaps](#)
- [Medical cost transparency bill dies in Oklahoma House with little support](#)

TEXAS

- [Quantum and River Oaks Form JV for Medical Billing Blockchain Initiative](#)
- [Taking the pulse of Texas hospitals, revenue is up, but rural care is down](#)
- [Texas intensifies efforts to boost maternal health care](#)
- [Hendrick Health System CEO to retire, ending 14-year tenure](#)
- [Driscoll Children's Hospital CEO announces retirement](#)
- [United General Hospital Signs 44,569 SF Lease at Texas Medical Center in Houston](#)
- [El Paso ER closes two years after opening](#)
- [Opinion: Why Tarrant County can't wait any longer to expand healthcare](#)
- [Curahealth buys Specialty Hospital](#)
- [Texas hospital closes ED to reduce expenses](#)
- [Freestanding ERs still mislead consumers, says Texas legislator who wrote transparency law](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White Pop Health Initiative Reduced ED, Inpatient Care Use](#)
- [Texas Health Says it Spent \\$140 Million in North Texas Last Year](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White Health Breaks Ground On New Medical Center In Buda](#)
- [HCA-affiliated St. David's HealthCare acquires 9 Texas clinics](#)
- [Nurse fired, arrested after patient dies at Texas hospital](#)
- [Texas health care company owes \\$11.5 million after kickback allegations](#)
- [Dallas medical property firm Caddis launches \\$1 billion investment deal](#)

- Steward Health Care lines up big leases in Richardson, downtown Dallas
- Rural hospital group in Texas finds success, controversy in eschewing commercial insurance
- Tenet defeats class-action lawsuit alleging overpayments
- Parkland's New Chief Talent Officer on His New Role, Recruiting Talent, and Diversity and Inclusion
- HCA buys doc group in Texas

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Ketchikan nurses ratify three-year labor contract after rallying for more staffing, higher wages

IDAHO

- Primary Health Medical Group holds grand opening for Ten Mile location
- Luke's asks for exemptions as it readies next phase of Downtown campus project
- Grand opening of new vascular facility in Pocatello set for Thursday
- Idaho hospital faces cash crunch after software glitch causes billing problems

MONTANA

- Changing Health Care Landscape Forces 'Realignment' at Kalispell Hospital
- Bozeman Health plans \$75 million expansion, increase in intensive care
- Bozeman hospital lauded at health care conference
- Community Medical Center launches new cardiac program
- Report shows Montana's Medicaid expansion paying for itself
- Montana health system lays off less than 1% of employees amid realignment

OREGON

- Providence nurses hold informational picket to bring awareness to negotiations
- Legacy taps Minneapolis-area woman as next CEO

WASHINGTON

- UW Medical Center considers shuttering psychiatry department
- Washington hospitals rank highest for midwife integration
- Nursing to be most in-demand profession in Spokane, forecast says

WYOMING

- Wyoming Medical Center to Buy Mountain View Regional Hospital
- Wyoming Medical Center will acquire Mountain View surgical center

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Hospital hires new CFO; board may vote to remove member
- California bill would create health care price controls
- Dignity Health forecasts big returns on microhospital investment as facilities meet demands of underserved communities
- California hospital's new CFO touted for revenue cycle and billing experience
- What the CEOs of Dignity Health, CHI expect to achieve in \$28B merger
- Kindred Agrees to Pay \$12 Million to Settle Labor Related Charges
- California's new rules for workplace violence prevention in hospitals take effect
- Doctors Hospital of Manteca taps Neil Pithadia as chief strategy officer
- Family files lawsuit against radiologist, 2 other doctors, 2 California hospitals for medical negligence
- Stanford specialist recruited as new head of UC Davis Vascular Center
- CHA says proposed healthcare cost-setting bill could slash California hospitals' annual revenues by at least \$18B
- ACGME strips California hospital's accreditation for surgical residency program

COLORADO

- Federal audit raps Colorado's \$10B Medicaid program for poor safeguards against fraud, abuse
- Denver hospital waited 6 weeks to warn patients of sterilization fail
- Bipartisan bill to bring transparency to Colorado health care costs
- Denver hospital to offer blood testing after spine, orthopedic surgery infection control breach
- Ex-Memorial Hospital employee wins nearly \$1 million jury verdict
- What the CEOs of Dignity Health, CHI expect to achieve in \$28B merger
- Jury awards former Memorial Hospital sonographer nearly \$1 million
- West Springs Hospital needs county's support
- Colorado hospital delays surgeries during investigation
- Air ambulance to be based at MMH
- Longmont United Hospital laying off about 30 employees
- Centura hospital to cut staff by 4% — layoffs amount to fewer than 30 workers
- Southwest Health System ousts 3 executives, including CEO

HAWAII

- Ige releases \$1 million in CIP funds for Kohala Hospital
- Hawaii Passes Medically-Assisted Suicide Law
- Hawaii physician receives rare honor

- Hawaii Health Systems Corp. appoints Lance Segawa CEO of Kauai region
- Kaiser Permanente Hawaii pays \$22M to buy Maui land from A&B

NEVADA

- Nevada looks to learn from past mistakes in health platform switch
- Sunrise gets new chief nursing officer

UTAH

- Rob Millard Joins CHG Healthcare as CFO