

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MAY 11, 2018

NATIONAL

- Payer Roundup—CMS delays 340B rule ... again
- A Collaboration to Keep Physicians at the Center of Healthcare
- ManorCare Mega-Deal Blurs Care Lines, But Will Doctors Buy In?
- CMS Chief Fires Back at Critics
- FDA chief Gottlieb to pharma: Those rebates you love to hate may soon count as kickbacks
- Healthcare a bright spot in April jobs report
- Survey: 8 in 10 nurses believe nonphysician practitioners play larger role in managing patient care
- Current challenges and opportunities in wound care
- Trump proposes \$15b spending cuts, targets children's health program
- Hospitals participating in Apple's health records project expect to see results within 6 months, KLAS finds
- A Doc From The Big Box? Walmart Wants To Bring You Healthcare At Home
- Slavitt to Lead New Venture Firm with Eye on Transforming Care for Vulnerable Populations
- 9 recent hospital, health system construction projects worth \$300M or more
- State-by-state breakdown of 100 great hospitals in 2018
- Senate passes bill allowing CMS to create incentives for behavioral health EHRs
- Coalition aims to help independent physicians execute value-based models
- CMS rolls out first rural health strategy
- 25 hospitals, health systems among 'America's Best Employers' 2018
- Current challenges and opportunities in wound care — 3 CNOs weigh in
- HHS seeks 1-year delay on 340B price regulation

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Staff Accused of Abuse at State-Run Hospital Claim Immunity
- Health Care Union Calls Off Strike After Senate Passes Pay Raise
- Senate passes bill increasing oversight to stem abuse at Whiting
- New VP for patient services at Backus, Windham hospitals gets her start

- Bridgeport Health Care Center filed for bankruptcy
- Connecticut rehabilitation center allegedly violated False Claims Act, to pay nearly \$1.4 million
- Thousands of CT health care workers could go on strike
- Senate Sends Essential Health Benefits To Malloy
- Drug-price transparency bill passes legislature with no dissent
- Senate overwhelmingly passes health care bill
- Report: CT health system ranks high
- Yale New Haven names Duke administrator to lead Smilow Cancer Hospital
- Hartford HealthCare grows Southington presence
- Trinity Health opens \$3M center for MS care, research at St. Mary's Hospital
- Danbury behavioral health clinic owners agree to sell for \$4M
- Hebrew Senior Care taps former Trinity exec as new CEO

MAINE

- Maine legislators pass drug pricing transparency law
- Mid Coast Hospital is first in Maine to prescribe Suboxone in ER
- Medicaid expansion battles persist in Maine and Virginia
- Deer Island residents tackle medical transportation needs
- WalletHub: Maine is top market for new nursing graduates

MASSACHUSETTS

- patients use more expensive imaging services, more often
- Massachusetts Physician Convicted of Criminal HIPAA Violation
- Partners HealthCare, Harvard Pilgrim discussing possible merger
- Ranked #2 For Best Health Care In The Nation
- Baystate Children's Hospital opens new unit to increase services, privacy and comfort for young patients
- Massachusetts patients rack up expensive imaging services, costing the state millions in Medicare
- Judge: Arbitration pacts that are signed must be honored
- Paramount Question On Proposed Boston-Area Health Care Mergers: Show Me The Money
- Success of Fall River center leads to second wound care center in region
- State behavioral health redesign results in staff cuts at two nonprofit contractors
- Committee takes step toward plan of action on opioids

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [How Southern New Hampshire Medical Center is cutting ICU admissions](#)
- [MBA Alumna Maureen Banks: From Nurse to COO/Chief Nursing Officer](#)
- [H., Hospitals Forge Tentative Funding Plan](#)
- [Feds OK work requirement for expanded Medicaid](#)
- [SolutionHealth names new CEO](#)

NEW YORK

- [New York-Presbyterian Opens David H. Koch Center On The Upper East Side](#)
- [How SUNY used \\$660,500 hush deal to make Upstate hospital CEO 'disappear'](#)
- [DiBacco named interim CEO at Eastern Niagara Hospital](#)
- [New York urgent care center operator settles Medicare billing probe](#)
- [White Plains Hospital proposes major project](#)
- [Memorial to expand bariatric, behavioral health, primary care and women's health programs](#)
- [Clare Haar stepping down as hospital CEO](#)
- [New York hospital drops \\$4.4M on claustrophobia-fighting MRI suite](#)
- [How safe are Central New York hospitals? See latest safety grades](#)
- [Vassar Brothers Medical Center on track with \\$545 million patient pavilion project](#)
- [Niagara Falls Memorial partners with NU on four-year nursing program](#)
- [Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center taps interim CEO](#)

RHODE ISLAND

- [CNE touts turnaround with \\$4.4M operational gain without Memorial](#)
- [RWU, RIDOH partnership aids health education, research](#)
- [Southcoast Health awards \\$142K to 39 nonprofits](#)
- [Steward suit alleging BCBSRI conspiracy to block Landmark sale proceeding](#)
- [Raimondo's executive order calls for equitable access to behavioral health](#)
- [Partners Healthcare, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, in early merger talks](#)
- [Opinion: Why we need to amend our Hospital Conversion law](#)

VERMONT

- [After Major Setback, Single-Payer Movement Shifts Focus To Universal Primary Care](#)
- [Southwestern Vermont Health Care named one of Becker's 150 Great Places to Work in Healthcare](#)

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Delaware receives another \$2M to fight opioid epidemic
- Will drug companies help pay for the opioid crisis in Delaware?
- Low national health rankings inspire search for solutions

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- These Hospitals In Virginia, DC Are Among Nation's Greatest
- C. to enlist ER doctors in battle against opioid addiction

MARYLAND

- Proposal filed for new medical center in region [South Laurel/Montpelier]
- Hospital celebrates anniversary, relationship with community
- ER Observation Unit Reduces Length of Stay 8 Hours
- University of Maryland Medical System plans \$50M investment in medical center with ASC
- These Hospitals In Maryland Are Among Nation's Greatest
- University of Maryland Medical Center names new CFO
- Protesters Question Sudden Closure Of MedStar Franklin Square's Pediatric Unit
- biotech to be acquired by New Jersey pharmaceutical goliath

NEW JERSEY

- How to reach and improve the health care of rural New Jerseyans
- J. hospitals spent \$2.9 billion in charity care, community programs
- Hunterdon Medical Center has another good year in 2017
- New Jersey hospital bills patient \$5,751 for ice pack and bandage
- New Jersey mandates paid sick leave
- We've seen how this Jersey hospital prevents overdoses, now want the nation to do the same
- South Jersey hospital to begin work on \$205M expansion project
- App assists NJ doctors, patients
- Virtua negotiating to add 13 ambulatory centers
- NJHA report: Hospitals, providers laid out \$2.9 billion in 2016

PENNSYLVANIA

- UPMC reports Q1 earnings, admissions up
- Penn State Health plans to join with large cardiology group
- Geisinger to make DNA sequencing a part of routine clinical care
- Penn State Health on track for more renovations, improved patient services
- Main Line Health goes live on Epic with device integration

- New report gives a breakdown of cancer surgeries across Lancaster-area hospitals
- Golden Living Centers agrees to pay \$1.7M to former employees
- Geisinger Wyoming Valley posts highest operating margins in Luzerne County
- Jeannette doctor settles case alleging improper payments
- 7 PA Hospitals Among Nation's Greatest, New Analysis Says
- Penn Highlands Healthcare makes corporate announcements
- Report: More than a third of Pennsylvania hospitals lose money
- North Philadelphia Women's Health Center opens for business
- Reading cardiology practice to join Penn State Health Medical Group
- Three Docs Pay \$700K to Settle False Claims Act Allegations
- Pennsylvania Hospital Self-discloses Medicare Billing Violations
- Abington Hospital Brings Telehealth Technology to the Operating Room
- Hospital Picketers Allege 'Safety' Issues Exist
- PCOM, NewSpring invest in Philadelphia urgent care center operator

VIRGINIA

- Carilion President and CEO Nancy Agee will lead American Hospital Association board
- 2 Virginia insurers ask for large premium hikes for 2019
- Richmond-based Envera Health Inc. completes \$2 million investment round
- Medicaid expansion battles persist in Maine and Virginia
- Bon Secours teams up with VCU Health and its health plan for 4 ACA marketplace products
- These Hospitals In Virginia, DC Are Among Nation's Greatest

WEST VIRGINIA

- Officials break ground on new medical facility in Spring Mills
- Hospital Acquisition Deal Finalized in West Virginia
- West Virginia hospitals launch website with information on services, events and careers

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Mercy division agrees to pay up to settle claims it overbilled state Medicaid program
- Proposed project to add \$31M psychiatric hospital in Iowa
- Nordyke thrilled to lead CRHC
- Lawmakers approve \$2.2 billion health bill after debate on Medicaid, sex ed, wrongful birth

- UIHC fears future of OB/GYN training program
- Healthcare facility announced for downtown
- Des Moines company agrees to repay nearly \$190K in Medicaid overbilling case
- Iowa has the 2nd fewest OBGYN doctors in the U.S. The fetal heartbeat law could make it even worse, health experts warn
- UnityPoint Health hit with class-action lawsuit over data breach
- Mercy Medical Center proposes 100-bed psychiatric hospital to ease chronic crowding
- New VC firm to invest in health care technology for underserved communities

KANSAS

- Kansas midwife law means some moms-to-be must make other plans at this hospital
- Suit: CFO feared jail time over kickbacks. He's now Shawnee Mission Health interim CEO
- Foreclosure sought on \$17.5 million rehab, assisted-living facility in Wichita
- CMS rejects Kansas plan to create lifetime Medicaid limits

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic installs new interactive kiosks in Minnesota
- Mayo Clinic launches massive medical records overhaul
- Mayo Regional Hospital to deploy Cerner HER
- MN House passes health, transportation omnibus bill
- Employer health costs rising faster in Minnesota
- Minnesota health officials fight to prevent 100-bed expansion at Regions Hospital
- Made at Mayo: How lifting a startup ban at one of the nation's top health systems ushered in a wave of innovation in Rochester
- 2k consultants working on Epic rollout at Mayo cause parking woes for employees
- How Mayo Clinic's prescribing guidelines are cutting opioid prescriptions by half

MISSOURI

- Sudden hospital closure gravely concerns Kennett doctors
- MU Health Care Extends Cerner EHR to 100-Bed Community Hospital
- 116-bed Missouri hospital to close next month
- With too few residencies, Missouri medical school graduates finding no reason to stay
- UNM Hospital taps SSM Health exec as CEO
- CEO, CFO of Missouri hospital allegedly received \$100k in inappropriate reimbursement

NEBRASKA

- Petition drive to expand Medicaid in Nebraska forges ahead with national group's support
- Patient experience management platform saves solo practitioner from burnout

- [Nebraska Ranks above National Average for Emergency Preparedness](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA

- [Board Narrowing Candidates for Sanford Health \\$1M Award](#)
- [New online health care option now available in South Dakota](#)
- [Rapid City hospital alters waste policy amid criticism](#)
- [South Dakota Nursing Homes Face Funding Issues](#)

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- [Health providers join practices and clinics in Shiloh, Centreville and Highland](#)
- [Forbes names OSF HealthCare top Illinois employer](#)
- [Health research project at UI Health redefines 'average patient'](#)
- [Study ranks Rush no. 4 among leading U.S. academic medical centers](#)
- [Northwestern, Centegra apply to merge on Sept. 1](#)
- [New St. Elizabeth's Hospital Design To Better Serve Southwestern Illinois](#)
- [The Joint Commission names U of Chicago Medicine exec as infection control director](#)
- [UChicago Medicine now a preferred provider for UAE patients](#)
- [Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon has new CEO](#)
- [SSM Health - Southern Illinois and Washington County Hospital Expand Partnership](#)
- [Wants to Provide Health Care With Virtual Technology](#)
- [Weeks after calling off merger, Little Company of Mary Hospital CEO, CFO announce retirement](#)

INDIANA

- [IU Health earnings climb 21 percent on higher revenue, occupancy rates](#)
- [Beacon Health System to build new hospital near Granger focused on outpatient care](#)
- [Nalli: St. Vincent Adapting by 'Disrupting Ourselves'](#)
- [Leveraging the Redevelopment of a 24-Acre Hospital Site in Bloomington, Indiana](#)
- [Lilly Makes \\$1.6B Acquisition](#)
- [\\$15M Donation Spurs New Name For Downtown Med Center](#)
- [Evansville Med Center to Receive New Name](#)
- [Collaboration to Help with Organ Transplant Science](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Home Health: New Law Will Allow More Kentuckians To Visit Doctors Remotely](#)

- Muhlenberg Native Chosen Health First CEO
- Kindred Healthcare reduces 1Q loss as company takeover continues
- Major bank slashes its position in Kindred Healthcare
- Humana Inc (HUM) President & CEO Bruce D Broussard Sold \$5 million of Shares

MICHIGAN

- Michigan lawmakers move toward work requirements for Medicaid recipients
- 4 Michigan Hospitals Among Nation's Best: Report
- Detroit Medical Center, university end century-old ties
- Joseph Mercy Oakland names new senior VP of operations
- Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital Set to Open New Patient Diagnostic Center
- DMC, Wayne State faculty doctors agree to 6-month extension
- Committed staff is what makes McLaren stand out
- Michigan moves step closer to enacting 29-hour work requirement for Medicaid
- Oakland County begins competitive search for new medical director, will increase salary \$30K
- On again, off again ... back on: DMC and Wayne State agree on temporary extension
- Spectrum Health's Tina Freese Decker named one of top 25 COOs in Healthcare 2018
- How Michigan's largest autism therapy provider lost \$8M grant
- East Grand Rapids approves hospital parking plan

OHIO

- Cleveland Clinic strengthens grip in Sunshine State
- Lakewood Hospital legal saga awaits Court of Appeals decision
- Five-story tower planned for Beavercreek hospital
- Good Sam closure complaint alleges civil rights violations
- Summa reports good first quarter
- Surgery Center of Oklahoma joins Health Beyond Insurance's provider network — 3 insights
- Hocking Valley Community Hospital taps Stacey Gabriel as CEO
- Massillon to own Affinity hospital this week
- Investigations at University Hospitals fertility clinic ongoing, unlikely to lose accreditation
- Dayton Children's plans new Miami County location
- Good Sam emergency department closing date set
- How Nationwide Children's Hospital researchers are working to rethink patient safety
- Community Tissue Services to add \$50M Kettering facility in 2020

- National chiropractic firm opens first Cincinnati office
- Cincinnati Children's among 10 hospitals to receive nation's top rating

WISCONSIN

- Report: worker shortage in Wisconsin long-term care industry
- Ascension CMO: Focus on these 5 areas to make precision medicine thrive
- Coreen Dicus-Johnson brings diverse health care perspective as CEO of Network Health
- First patients welcomed to new 'Hyperbaric Center' on Monday
- Responding to Wisconsin's OB-GYN shortage
- Federal prosecutors seek Medical College, Froedtert Hospital records
- Nursing shortage in Wisconsin puts specialized care nurses in demand
- UnityPoint Allegedly Mishandled Healthcare Data Breach
- Wisconsin architects honor nursing home, 8 other projects for excellence
- Gundersen settles trademark lawsuit; reproductive clinics will continue using Essential Health name
- New Sixteenth Street clinic planned for West Milwaukee

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- UAB Hospital again named one of America's best
- Brewer joins Whitfield Memorial as CEO

FLORIDA

- Jan Watts: Florida Hospital 'a wonderful opportunity' for Ocala
- Cleveland Clinic strengthens grip in Sunshine State
- New health care options coming to Yulee
- Florida Medical Center Gets \$229M Facelift
- Halifax Health appeals bond case to Florida Supreme Court
- Collective Medical Partners with the Florida Hospital Association
- Florida hospital CEO postpones retirement
- Indictment: Former CEO embezzled \$1.1M from Calhoun Liberty Hospital
- Halifax Health CEO Jeff Feasel: We have right to build in Deltona
- TMH, Wolfson Children's Hospital expand partnership with pediatric ER treatment
- Florida's health care system ranked 48th in the nation
- Two proposed hospital projects in Sarasota clear legal hurdle

- Hospitals proposed for SW Florida face opposition from competitors
- Hospitals Roundup—Public health system in Miami plans \$1.5B upgrade
- A history of Manatee Memorial Hospital, from concept to community asset
- 2 rival healthcare providers to build hospitals in same Florida city: 9 notes

GEORGIA

- Dougherty attorney: DCH failed to properly enforce CON law
- Georgia rural hospital tax credit increase signed into law
- Georgia's health system ranks 40th in national scorecard
- Memorial Health Announces Layoff of 85 Workers
- Ambulance providers competing for Fulton County contract
- Tift Regional Health Systems presents proposed expansion plan
- Dougherty, Lee residents urge Dougherty commissioners to drop hospital lawsuit
- Dekalb Medical could soon be a party of the Emory Healthcare system
- New Initiative Will Drive Atlanta's Reputation As The Center For Global Health
- Emory cares for ICU patients remotely, turning "night into day" from Australia

MISSISSIPPI

- BCBS feuds with Mississippi hospital
- Clinics offer alternative to emergency room care
- New hospital CEO due soon
- Encompass Health buys Mississippi-based Camellia and expands footprint
- Merit Health Natchez names new CEO
- University of Mississippi Medical Center may drop 28-year-old BCBS contract
- Corinth hospital's bond rating downgraded
- Meet a nurse helping change the nursing market in Mississippi
- University of Mississippi Medical Center selects new CEO for 2 campuses

NORTH CAROLINA

- New CEO takes helm of hospital
- Another healthcare CEO busted for fraud
- Jay Briley to become president of Vidant Community Hospitals
- Does North Carolina make the cut as one of the best states for nurses?
- Mission head: HCA deal would prevent quick closure of existing facilities, services
- Atrium Health Amends Countersuit to Mednax Due to Continued False Fear-based Ad Campaign

- How Duke Health improved patient satisfaction with a 1-page form
- Raleigh General Hospital reopens upgraded medical campus
- Raleigh pharma ushers in new CEO from Allergan
- Syneos Health Promotes Jason Meggs to Chief Financial Officer
- Hospital spends millions to buy a prominent SouthPark property, and could expand
- Medicare report finds elevated number of patient-care violations at some Triad hospitals
- 'Deplorable': Atrium Health ridicules company for 'fear-mongering smear campaign'
- WakeMed teams with Premier to improve performance
- Duke Life Flight nurses bring vital care to the air
- CHESS, Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital announce collaboration
- Raleigh's PrecisionHawk, NCDOT land federal OK for drug delivery by drone project
- Triad hospitals among six to receive \$1.4M state grant for opioid support
- North Carolina hospital opens 1st phase of surgery center
- Triad hospitals to connect opioid users with counselors, services

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Colleton Medical Center Announces New Chief Financial Officer
- Greenville Health System compromise reached by South Carolina lawmakers
- Trident Medical Center applies for 2 certificates of need
- Lawsuit settled over Greenville Health System restructuring

TENNESSEE

- Hospital operator HCA spends big to keep nurses on board
- Critical Care Access designation awarded to Houston County Community Hospital
- Erlanger: Proposed ER would be a Level IV trauma center
- LifePoint posts \$5.3M loss with fewer admissions
- Hashed hooks up with supply chain specialists
- Judge tosses Envision suit against United
- CHS Discloses Long List of Pending Legal Matters
- Health care tech: Why Nashville will beat Silicon Valley
- More nurses needed in Middle Tennessee
- Even With Rural Hospital Rescue Project, Advocates Admit Not All Should Be Saved
- Envision CEO: Payers use 'tactics that fuel conflict'
- Quorum Health's net loss more than triples

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Golden Living to give union \$1.7M in back pay
- Shawn Barnett Selected as New SVP, CFO of CHI St. Vincent
- Arkansas hospital suspends cardiac surgery program following lead surgeon's retirement
- Director of cancer institute at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to resign
- Aimee Arzoumanian is Sparks Health System's new COO

ARIZONA

- \$6B Magellan Health's CIO And CTO Drives A Humanized Digital Experience
- GV Hospital prepares to exit Chapter 11, change leadership
- Ex-Banner nurse uses whistleblower law to target billing fraud, extract lucrative payouts
- Tucson parents shocked at closure of Carondelet's longtime child-care centers
- Phoenix Children's Hospital realized \$1M in cost savings with the help of clinical documentation technology
- Nurse collects \$6M in whistle-blower lawsuits against Banner, Christus and Renown Health
- Arizona hospital to exit bankruptcy, transition to new leadership
- University of Arizona to be part of ambitious \$1.45 billion U.S. health study

LOUISIANA

- Governor: Ochsner deal almost done
- Proposed cuts to Louisiana health services spark anxiety
- The count: Louisiana's health ranking
- New Orleans' only burn and trauma center opens at University Medical Center
- Cardiovascular Institute of the South opening West Bank clinic

NEW MEXICO

- Presbyterian exec to retire, national search underway for a replacement
- Kathleen Becker To Be Named UNM Hospital CEO
- MountainView Regional Medical Center CEO announces departure
- Column: Malpractice law needs to expand
- UNM Hospital taps SSM Health exec as CEO

OKLAHOMA

- Surgery Center of Oklahoma joins Health Beyond Insurance's provider network
- It took a major political effort to create Stephenson Cancer Center

- [Oklahoma State Department of Health pursues 'reset' after financial scandal](#)
- [Oklahoma state cancer plan sets ambitious goals for reducing deaths](#)

TEXAS

- [Victoria freestanding ER closes amid battle with insurers](#)
- [State certification confirms area hospital's stroke care](#)
- [Medical Bills: Texas high court ruling may bring more transparency](#)
- [UCSF hospital workers ready to strike Monday](#)
- [Bay Area Regional Medical Center in Webster to close, file for bankruptcy](#)
- [Medical City Denton appoints two new executives](#)
- [Dallas-based T-System Partners with Precision Practice Management on Urgent Care Tech](#)
- [Power outage forces Texas hospital to cancel nonemergent surgeries](#)
- [New health center set up at TMC by Houston Methodist, Texas A&M and Laura Bush's Texan by Nature](#)
- [Texas ruling in hospital billing case sparks concern](#)
- [Health Professionals Examine Stroke Care in South Texas](#)
- [North Texas Medical Center CEO Steps Down As New Management Takes Over](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White, Select Medical Joint Venture Acquires Inpatient Rehab Hospital Outside Austin](#)
- [Seton's 'neighborhood hospital' breaks ground in Bastrop](#)
- [These Hospitals In Texas Among Nation's Greatest](#)
- [Amid contracting scandal, Charles Smith to retire as head of Texas health commission](#)
- [Texas Hospital CEOs: Cybersecurity Is No. 1 Worry](#)
- [Improved access to primary care in Texas is within reach](#)
- [Texas hospital to close, lay off 900 employees and file for bankruptcy](#)
- [Nurse collects \\$6M in whistle-blower lawsuits against Banner, Christus and Renown Health](#)
- [FBI conducts raid on health care agency in southwest Houston](#)
- [Medistar's Bay Area Regional to Close on Thursday](#)
- [East Texas hospital unveils new surgery assisting technology](#)
- [Medical City Dallas Opens \\$125M Women's Hospital](#)
- [Methodist Health System Recognized for Diversity Initiatives](#)
- [Before Layoffs, Clinic Closure, Metrocare Quietly Issued CEO A Two-Month Extension](#)
- [Texas Health plans \\$300 million expansion to Fort Worth hospital](#)
- [Texas Free Market Surgery's 2 ASCs, hospital join self-pay promoting network](#)
- [Tomball Regional Medical Center names new COO](#)

- [Ex-employees sue shuttered Texas hospital for abrupt closure](#)
- [Harris Health System taps UTHealth's Dr. Medina-Rivera as ambulatory care services head](#)

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- [LifeMed Alaska Announces Appointment of New CEO](#)
- [Here's how growth in the health care industry is playing out in Alaska's commercial real estate market](#)
- [Alaska Senate passes Medicaid work requirement bill](#)

IDAHO

- [Mini-Cassia Regional Hospital talks new tech and safety at big event](#)
- [Idaho hospital offering emergency pet fostering for patients](#)
- [Portneuf Medical Center acquires bigger, better air ambulance](#)

MONTANA

- [First responders in Great Falls tour new emergency department](#)
- [More than \\$500K already behind pro-Medicaid expansion initiative effort](#)
- [New hospital CEO looks to improve communication, shared resources](#)

OREGON

- [Speech to Text for Curry General Hospital Will Remain CAH](#)
- [Shriners Hospitals for Children-Portland selects new administrator](#)
- [OHSU Selects Surgeon From University Of Texas As Next President](#)

WASHINGTON

- [Washington State University will launch study on impact of 12-hour nursing shifts](#)
- [Patient reportedly told Washington hospital about accused nurse, forced injections last fall](#)
- [Construction kicks off in Bellevue for \\$250M Overlake expansion](#)
- [A fast expansion of rapid-care health services in Spokane](#)

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- [Overtime lawsuit against hospital staffing firm granted class action status](#)
- [Attorney general helps patients by suing Sutter Health](#)
- [10 Hospitals In California Are Among Nation's Greatest](#)
- [Sutter Health employees seek wages, penalties for denied breaks](#)

- [Picket line forms at UC Davis Med Center as three-day strike begins across UC system](#)
- [Inadequate oversight allows poor care at California nursing homes to go unchecked, state audit finds](#)
- [Staffing shortages force California hospital to close ED](#)
- [California Hospitals, Officials Take Careful Steps To Minimize Patient Impact During UC Labor Strikes](#)
- [California bill allowing government to determine healthcare pricing met with fierce opposition](#)

COLORADO

- [Penrose-St. Francis remains committed to new west Colorado Springs hospital](#)
- [Penrose-St. Francis Health Service rethinking \\$550 million hospital project](#)
- [How Colorado's Innovation Model is Connecting Primary and Behavioral Healthcare](#)
- [Hospital names new CEO](#)
- [DaVita reports significant first-quarter earnings boost](#)
- [CEO roundtable: Cost drives discussion in health-care industry](#)
- [CHI's operating loss widens in Q3, but finances improve over longer term](#)

HAWAII

- [An update on health policy bills in Hawaii](#)
- [Pressler to retire as Hawaii state health director, former director named to interim post](#)

NEVADA

- [Ed Epperson retiring as Carson Tahoe Health CEO at year's end](#)
- [Some Valley hospitals not making the grade](#)
- [Nurse collects \\$6M in whistle-blower lawsuits against Banner, Christus and Renown Health](#)
- [Carson Tahoe Medical Group opens Oncology Clinic](#)
- [Hospitals battle nurse shortage across Las Vegas Valley, nation](#)

UTAH

- [Intermountain Healthcare Launches New Life Care Model for Seniors at HLTH 2018](#)
- [Public comment period now open for Utah's Medicaid expansion waiver](#)
- [Gail Miller chosen new board chair of Intermountain Healthcare](#)