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HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MAY 18, 2018

NATIONAL

- States Ease More Restrictions To Physician Assistants As Team Care Takes Hold
- Amazon's Alexa Healthcare Team Bones Up on HIPAA Compliance
- GAO: Patient access to medical records remains a challenge
- Alexa Could Soon Become Your In-House Doctor According to Amazon Internal Document
- CMS Launches Rural Health Strategy with Telehealth Aims
- Seema Verma gives update on CMS plans to reduce drug prices
- Most healthcare execs hope Amazon expands supply chain presence
- Aledade, MGMA, AAFP nail down 4 policies for value-based care
- Physicians were burnt out long before EHRs, according to this 2002 report
- 7k patients file HIPAA violations in the past 5 years
- S. doctors' clinical notes 4 times as long as those in other countries
- Hospital leaders: Further cuts to 340B would be 'devastating'
- 3 ASC transactions in Q1 of 2018, 149 for healthcare overall
- Amazon is building a 'health & wellness' team within Alexa as it aims to upend health care
- Telehealth could replace doctor visits in major cities, amid a primary care physician shortage
- Hospitals boost revenue cycle by personalizing payment plans
- Physician compensation rises 10 percent in 5 years, linked to doctor shortage
- OCR To Share HIPAA Data Breach Settlements With Victims
- Why hospitals need to adopt a 'retail mindset' when it comes to analytics
- Trump will not call for negotiation on Medicare drug prices despite Democratic hopes
- In-person appointments cost \$100 more than virtual ones Here's how telehealth can save patients time and money
- Moody's: Nonprofit hospitals should keep in mind these attributes when planning for healthcare's future
- Seema Verma hints at the end of 'upside-only' ACOs

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

• Community hospitals add complex procedures amid push for higher revenue, improved patient access

HEALTH LAW NEWS

- Report: CT's Medicaid expansion increased coverage, care access
- Nursing shortage presents a challenge for hospitals, schools
- Connecticut medical board disciplines 2 doctors, physician assistant
- Emerging medical services hub signs 2 new tenants
- West Hartford Healthcare Facility Settles ADA Complaint
- Connecticut hospital attempting to acquire endoscopy center for \$3.3M
- Charlotte Hungerford Hospital seeks majority interest in Torrington endoscopy center for \$3.3M
- Hartford HealthCare grows Southington presence

MAINE

- Harvard Pilgrim aims to improve health care delivery with grants of \$100K
- SMCC launches apprenticeship program for medical assistants

MASSACHUSETTS

- Union Hospital operating rooms close
- A year after a Harrington incident, few hospitals have implemented enhanced security
- Alira Health to double Framingham lab space
- Mass General eyes Exeter, Wentworth-Douglass health network
- Partners HealthCare looking to acquire a second New Hampshire hospital
- MetroWest Medical Center making \$12M in capital investments
- Hospitals branch out in the suburbs with more urgent care centers
- Partners HealthCare CFO says plans for future are regional
- Former Steward Health Care executive files harassment suit against company
- BCBS of Massachusetts blames federal taxes for \$97.2M operating loss
- Hallmark Health is Now MelroseWakefield Healthcare
- Massachusetts House passes major life sciences bill
- Beth Israel's new 10-story Longwood building will cost \$534M
- Lynn Hospital Closes Operating Rooms
- Saint Vincent Hospital opening behavioral health unit
- Fallon, Tufts report losses; BCBS, Harvard Pilgrim gain

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Partners HealthCare looking to acquire a second New Hampshire hospital
- New Hampshire House approves funds for DCYF, mental health services

NEW YORK

HEALTH LAW NEWS

- Adirondack Health receives 5-star CMS rating for patient experience
- Roving remedy: Methodist Hospital's new high-tech ambulance provides immediate stroke care
- Opinion: New York's hospitals are sick: We could use an injection of competition
- NuHealth owes \$63M in premiums for employees, retirees
- Northwell rewards innovative employee projects with funding
- NewYork-Presbyterian adds more telemedicine-equipped mobile stroke care vehicles
- How safe are Hudson Valley hospitals? Mixed results locally as statewide ranking drops
- Oscar Health posts first-ever quarterly profit, plans market expansion in 2019
- NY Health Dept. launches interactive tool to find health info, costs
- CEO of health insurance startup Oscar: Expansions on the way
- Mount Sinai's Icahn medical school launches \$10M investment fund

RHODE ISLAND

- Care New England Finances Improve Since Closure Of Memorial Hospital
- Does Rhode Island's drug problem have an oversize impact on your business?
- Southcoast Health opens new wound care center at St. Luke's Hospital

VERMONT

- Eyes turn to Vermont as it sees success with health system
- UVM Medical Center nurses: Higher pay, more staff central to contract negotiations
- Vermont's statewide ACO-like system closely watched by state policymakers
- Health care agency, CEO honored nationally
- UVM nurses are sick of understaffing

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Soaring health care costs are holding Delaware back. Here's what we're doing to fix them.
- Delaware residents don't have enough primary care doctors, and we need to act
- Always Best Care Delaware opening second location in Milton

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

• 6 D.C.-Area Healthcare Developments Adapting To The Latest Medical Trends

MARYLAND

- Maryland announces agreement on all-payer health model
- Activists protest MedStars's policies at Union Memorial Hospital

HEALTH LAW NEWS

- CMS OKs Maryland's All-Payer Alternative Payment Model Expansion
- Maryland SNFs announce partnership to eradicate readmissions
- Growing Skilled Nursing Operator Sees New Hospital as 'Beachfront' Property
- This scientist-led startup is working on a cure for a common surgery complication
- Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute hires new CEO

NEW JERSEY

- Clover Health launches in-home primary care service for N.J.'s most at-risk patients
- J. hospitals still perform too many of these risky procedures
- Advanced ICU Care Launches Tele-ICU Clinical Services at Hackettstown Medical Center
- New Jersey Health Care CEO Charged in \$200 Million Fraud
- Move to cut back on kid care at University Hospital a 'death blow,' docs say
- New Jersey court rips up Optum's \$6.7B prescription drug contract, orders rebid
- New Jersey hospitals fall short in maternity care, report shows
- Atlantic Health launches nursing incubation center
- Health systems big users of Uber, Lyft
- Valley creates cardiac center, appoints director
- Southern Ocean Medical Center appoints new COO

PENNSYLVANIA

- Medical license mess for doctor-trainees means high anxiety for Pa. hospitals
- UPMC CEO Jeffrey Romoff made \$6.12 million in 2016, IRS filings show
- Allegheny Health Network taps president for new Pennsylvania hospital
- Power To Save: Hospital Building Eco-Friendly Power Plant
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia allegedly interfered with employee's FMLA rights
- Pennsylvania hospital discloses Medicare billing violations
- Pennsylvania taxpayers spend millions treating non-emergencies at the ER
- Pennsylvania scrambles to license physician trainees by July 1 after glitches with new online system cause delays
- hospitals voice concern over Wolf's budget plan
- Montco hospital brings telemedicine into the OR
- NueHealth Joint Venture Acquires Blue Bell, PA Ambulatory Surgery Center
- Second family challenges CHOP decision to remove child from life support
- Doctors gone digital: Midstate hospital adds new option for neurology patients

VIRGINIA



- Owner of shuttered hospital still working to find a buyer
- LewisGale Regional Health System CEO to depart in June
- Sheltering Arms, VCU Health break ground on new rehabilitation hospital
- A second hospital tax emerges as Senate struggles with budget
- Virginia weighs provider tax to fund Medicaid expansion

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- UnityPoint Health-Dubuque CEO to step down in June
- Iowa wanted to funnel \$1 billion in Medicaid money into private nursing homes. Why the feds said no.
- Dubuque clinic paying fines for improperly filling prescriptions
- Multi-million dollar health facility sparks community conversations
- CMS rejects Iowa's plan to direct more Medicaid funds to private nursing homes
- Reynolds signs bill intended to curb opioid overdose deaths
- Eastern lowa hospital fights nursing shortage with opportunity
- City Health Dashboard takes data-driven approach to improving health

KANSAS

- Prime Healthcare taps Steven Wilkinson as Kansas City Region CEO
- Wesley Medical Center seeks approval for \$100M revamp

MINNESOTA

- Fairview plans \$111 million renovation at University of Minnesota hospital
- Allina invests in \$100M health care venture capital fund
- Allina records Q1 operating gain as net income sinks 83%
- Fairview Health Services sees Q1 revenue climb as net income slips 71.3%
- Feds paying \$17.2 million in MinnesotaCare lawsuit

MISSOURI

- Louis doctors launch video visits
- SSM Health Medical Group names its new president
- Prime Healthcare taps Steven Wilkinson as Kansas City Region CEO
- Missouri Faces Physician Shortage, Medical Students Leaving
- SSM Health St. Francis to open new bone clinic
- Laura Kaiser leads SSM Health with a purposeful urgency

HEALTH LAW NEWS

- Express Scripts will stay in St. Louis, keep its name under Cigna ownership
- Mid-Missouri hospitals ranked for STEMI heart attack care
- Opinion: Preserve access to air ambulance services in Missouri
- Mary's Hospital designated Level 2 heart attack center
- CEO Kate Becker is leaving St. Louis University Hospital

NEBRASKA

- UNMC releases its Rural Health Care Workforce Report
- Gordon Memorial Health Services names new CEO
- Lexington Regional examines hospital's economic impact
- Bluffs' Jennie Edmundson Hospital expanding: New building will house women's services, urgent care

NORTH DAKOTA

- CHI hospital medical executive committee threatens to resign unless administrative leaders step down
- Essentia Health now offers online diagnosis and treatment service
- Alexius hospital board responds to physician committee resignations

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- The metro-east has some of Illinois' worst nursing homes, data says. Here's why.
- SSM Health opens weight management clinic at Good Samaritan Hospital
- Washington County Hospital in Nashville to Undergo Changes
- Illinois wants to expand virtual health care
- IU Study: Opioid Crisis Cost Indiana \$4.3 Billion Last Year
- Advocate, NorthShore to partner on pediatric care a year after merger called off
- Inspector general: Billing, clerical errors cost Cook County Health and Hospitals System \$165M
- Chicago area hospital sued, accused of failing to recognize patient's painkiller addiction
- UChicago Medicine's trauma center treats 64 patients in first week
- Advocate Health Care nurses head to Springfield
- Mercy Health to pay \$14M settlement related to allegations of improper payments
- Long state Medicaid benefit processing delays prompt lawsuit
- Berwyn hospital employee burglarized homes of 18 widows during treatment
- Why nutrition matters: How Advocate Health Care cut readmissions, LOS & costs

INDIANA

HEALTH LAW NEWS

- Franciscan Health, Chamber announce health clinic partnership
- Franklin, Johnson Memorial Plan Graduate Center
- IU School of Medicine grad class is first to use new EHR training platform
- Hoosier Companies Among 'Best Places' in Healthcare
- OrthoPediatrics Touts 'Solid Start' With Revenue Growth
- Late Philanthropist Honored By Reid Health Foundation
- Nalli: St. Vincent Adapting by 'Disrupting Ourselves'

KENTUCKY

- KentuckyOne posts improved earnings as Jewish organizational losses mount
- Norton Children's Hospital names chief administrative officer
- Ohio Valley Hospital could merge into Heritage Valley system
- Wethington out as T.J. Regional CEO; Thornbury chosen as interim
- Jewish, St. Mary woes continue; \$41M loss through Q3
- Court vacates ruling in Norton Healthcare retirement benefit case
- Ephraim McDowell CEO to retire
- Louisville Nursing Home Goes for \$3.5M
- Kentucky plans to launch Medicaid overhaul this summer. Could lawsuits derail it?
- Former Baptist Healthcare CEO dies

MICHIGAN

- DMC-WSU split may violate sale terms
- Legacy DMC 'concerned' over potential Wayne State-DMC disaffiliation
- Hospital CEO: Joining McLaren is a positive for the community
- Tenet may be in hot water if DMC-Wayne State partnership ends
- Henry Ford plans \$38M medical center for Village at Bloomfield project
- Eleven Michigan hospitals awarded for excellence and improvement in maternity care
- Huron Medical Center changes name to McLaren Thumb Region

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- 23-hospital system enters \$14M settlement with feds over improper physician payments
- University Hospitals seeks dismissal of first fertility clinic lawsuits
- Mansfield Hospital celebrates a century of service
- Appeals court affirms decision to dismiss lawsuit over Lakewood Hospital's closing
- Massillon officially owns property and equipment of closed Affinity Medical Center



- Pomerene Hospital to join Aultman Health Foundation
- Cleveland Clinic launches Center for Therapeutics Discovery
- Premier Health to open its 7th urgent care center
- Healthcare providers expand presence in Huber Heights with new offices, additions
- City finalizes purchase of shuttered 156-bed Ohio hospital

WISCONSIN

- Medical College aims to tackle health disparities with new central city center
- West Bend Medical plans new clinic
- Laura Jelle out as president of SSM Health St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo
- Marathon County moves forward with \$67M remodel for North Central Health, Mount View
- ProHealth Care plans to build a new \$55 million hospital in Mukwonago
- More than 200 doctors stay on Medicare rolls despite disciplinary actions
- Hal Leonard CEO gives \$1.5 million to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Graduate medical education program addressing physician shortage
- Medical College reports revenue growth

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Are Alabama hospitals safe? Healthcare watchdog group releases report cards
- UAB Hospital named one of nation's top hospitals
- Keller hospital announces \$18M expansion
- Meet UAB's Selwyn Vickers, among the world renowned doctors from Alabama
- Southeast Alabama Medical Center to develop property behind eastside Winn-Dixie, which could include three medical offices
- UAB, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama announce plan to tackle state's rural physician shortage
- UAB opens new sports medicine clinic
- Orthopedic urgent care clinic opens first Alabama location in Birmingham
- Alabama ranks near last for nursing as a profession
- 104-bed Alabama hospital to close

FLORIDA

- Envision Healthcare Infiltrated America's ERs. Now It's Facing A Backlash
- Miami-Dade hospital sues Florida to challenge trauma center law
- Florida endoscopy center readies to open

HEALTH LAW NEWS

- Nicklaus Children's Hospital sues Florida to stop opening of competing trauma center
- Florida hospital slashes painkiller use by 36% after revamped emergency protocol
- Oak Hill Hospital sends patient 256 pages of a stranger's medical records
- Florida Hospital to build free-standing emergency department in northeast Lakeland
- Estero leaders support Lee Health facility
- Tampa private equity company takes aim at growing health care practices along Florida's west coast
- Halifax Health withdraws funding request
- Baptist Health Seeks Help From Taxpayers Keeping Middle Keys Hospital Going
- After tough Q1, Hospital District investments grow in April
- Baptist Health South Florida revenue cycle employees to transition to new joint venture with Navigant
- Lee Health launching a Medicaid insurance program for Southwest Florida
- Regional Medical Center Jacksonville will close June 30
- CMS investigating Florida hospital where surgeons left needle in baby's heart

GEORGIA

- Pasadena-Based Healthcare Company Acquired
- Giving GA Hospitals Healthcare Cost Data to Lowering Spending
- Emory Healthcare teams up with Australian hospital on remote ICU
- Ist nonprofit surgery center in US opens in Atlanta
- Georgia health system to pay \$4.1M settlement over thousands of unaccounted opioids
- Stockbridge hospital has \$500M economic impact

MISSISSIPPI

- OCH concludes presentations with potential affiliates
- Why are UMMC and Blue Cross insurance at odds? Hospital shares its side of the story

NORTH CAROLINA

- Kitty Hawk approves urgent-care medical center
- Business Buzz: New accountable care organization includes Cape Fear Valley Health
- Doctor sues nurse, office manager for alleged breach of contract
- Former Wake Forest Baptist CEO John McConnell paid \$2.3M in final year on job
- Q&A with Stephen Nuckolls at Costal Carolina Heath Care
- Former Cardinal CEO files countersuit to retain severance
- Anesthesiology group files restraining order against Atrium Health, system's new service provider
- Treasurer directs Blue Cross NC to cut state health plans' rates by 15 percent



- Neighbors consider lawsuit over hospital noise as talks reach impasse
- NC joins whistleblower case against Insys over alleged opiod kickbacks
- Duke lands \$60 million NIH grant to speed medical research into practice
- Urgent care center opening on Robinwood Road next week
- AccessOne Closes HealthFirst Financial Acquisition
- Foothills Family HealthCare closes
- Novant Health continues eastward push with two clinics in Greensboro
- Group seeks court order to stop Atrium from using new anesthesiologists July 1
- Wake Forest Baptist Reports \$373.9 Million in Community Benefits during 2017 Fiscal Year
- BCBSNC to remove Triad hospital from its network

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Presbyterian Communities adds Laurel Crest
- Community hospitals can do precision medicine too here's how

TENNESSEE

- Three Nashville hospitals to grow in \$500M TriStar expansion
- Memphis hospital in need of modernization
- Saint Thomas, Acadia to partner on \$32M facility in MetroCenter
- Rennova Health to Buy Nashville-Area Hospital
- Clearwater Compliance gets new CEO, CFO
- HCA's TriStar system rolls out \$500M expansion plan
- Marcus Whitney, Briovation start new fund targeting blockchain
- Hospital Closures Deepen Quorum's Q1 Losses
- New \$39.7 million facility opens at University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- LifePoint names operations finance SVP
- Eye clinic that pilfered employees' 401K must repay \$1M
- Ballad Health executives: We've hired 365 nurses since merger
- HealthStream promotes COO to president
- State monitor to oversee Ballad Health's 'public advantage' compliance
- CHS moves closer to divesting 85-bed Tennessee hospital

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS



- Health Center Opens New Addition; Women's Clinic, Wellness Celebrate New Space
- Northwest plans standalone ER in southwest Fayetteville
- Arkansas Heart Hospital promotes Drew Jackson to president

ARIZONA

- Arizona pulls back from imposing time limits on AHCCCS enrollment
- At Phoenix Children's, A Clinical Documentation Initiative is Driving Results
- Humana hiring 80 in Phoenix

LOUISIANA

- University Medical Center won't send layoff warnings -- yet
- Video: Louisiana governor addresses health care cuts in budget
- Louisiana health officials send Medicaid termination warnings to 37k beneficiaries
- University Medical Center tables layoff threat for now
- New Orleans medical school in possible financial 'death spiral' amid proposed state budget cuts, says dean
- Las Vegas trauma team training doctors to save lives in New Orleans

NEW MEXICO

- UNMH selects Becker as new CEO
- MountainView CEO announces departure from Las Cruces
- Santa Fe needs nurses, stat
- San Juan Regional recognized for excellence
- Christus St Vincent selects 1st female CEO

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma woman hit with \$15k charge for 4 surgical screws
- Oklahoma multicounty grand jury hears from former health commissioner

TEXAS

- Texas hospital closes, allegedly owes Cigna and Aetna \$43M
- Texas Health Resources to invest \$300 million in Fort Worth hospital expansion
- Texas Free Market Surgery's 2 ASCs, hospital join self-pay promoting network
- FBI agents raid Medoc Health Services offices in Dallas
- Memorial Hermann to pay nearly \$2 million to settle improper billing allegations
- A Texas city had a construction boom. So the local hospital created an amputation team
- How some Dallas-area Walgreens are helping patients manage costly prescriptions
- David Shimp, CEO, Del Sol Medical Center



- Report: Central Texas in 'crisis' for more nursing home nurses
- Texas doctor charged in \$240M fraud scheme for allegedly falsely diagnosing patients to buy luxury cars and a jet
- Tenet may be in hot water if DMC-Wayne State partnership ends
- Texas man convicted in multimillion dollar Cerner fraud scheme
- UnitedHealthcare North Texas Snags Former BCBSTX Chief of Staff
- T-System Hires A New CFO
- 130 jobs to come with new Everest Rehab Hospital in Longview
- How the opioid epidemic changed the way a Dallas hospital treats pain
- Tenet taps new CIO, chief marketing officer
- Two Texas Facilities Sell for \$29M
- Work begins on Longview rehab hospital, 120 jobs to be created
- Leaders Declare Senior Care Staffing Crisis in Texas Amid 97% Turnover
- UNT Health Science and Medical City Team Up to Address Growing Doctor Shortage
- TMC opens new neonatal ICU, discusses future growth
- Report: Central Texas in 'crisis' for more nursing home nurses
- Downtown will have one less hospital as urban population expands

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- CCMC responds to article on its status
- Alaska hospital faces closure over \$964k telecommunications bill
- Cordova hospital may close over FCC subsidy cuts

IDAHO

- West Valley Medical Center gets top grades from Healthgrades
- Idaho's First Medical School Prepares For Class

MONTANA

- Dahl Memorial selects Tooke for CEO position
- New rehab hospital will be located on Billings' West End
- State, providers to meet in Bozeman to talk Medicaid
- Livingston HealthCare ranks high as Critical Access Hospital in the US

OREGON

Mary Kingston, RN, FACHE, named chief executive of PeaceHealth Oregon



- Local CCO examines ways to improve health care
- OHSU tapped to lead new imaging center, nabs \$42M NIH grant

WASHINGTON

- Washington hospitals share progress on patient safety
- Columbia Medical Associates saves \$6.5 million in total cost of care by tackling ED visits
- First Choice Health Announces Appointment Of New President and CEO, Jaja Okigwe

WYOMING

- Jackson hospital only one in state to receive award
- Despite Rural Hospital Crisis, Wyoming System Plows Ahead
- Keeping doctors hard for hospital

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Judge says LA County wrongly booted thousands off Medi-Cal
- Pasadena-Based Healthcare Company Acquired
- Much-Hyped Deal Has Turned East Bay Hospital Into Second-Class Facility, Doctors Say
- California hospital giant Sutter Health faces heavy backlash on prices
- Anne Wellington to Lead Cedars-Sinai Accelerator for Health Care Startups
- Adventist Health and St. Joseph Health announce new joint operation company
- Palm Drive Health Care District details sale offer for Sonoma West Medical Center
- System-wide Epic EHR Downtime Affects 24 Sutter Health Hospitals
- Physicians from shuttered California hospital allege care quality declined under HCCA control
- California hospital up for sale following toxicology lab shutdown
- Data breach exposes nearly 900 San Francisco hospital patients' information

COLORADO

- CHI's operating loss widens in Q3, but finances improve over longer term
- Porter Adventist surgeon calls off spine surgery after discovering dirty instruments
- CHI posts net loss amid declining inpatient, outpatient volume
- More than 40 workers laid off at Penrose-St. Francis Health Services
- Pediatric Partners CEO accepted to leadership program
- Colorado HIE to improve patient matching with Verato
- Memorial Regional Health announces retirement of CFO, replacement



- Aurora medical building fills last vacancy
- Corden Pharma expands capacity, staff in Boulder

HAWAII

- University of Hawaii will receive nearly 6 million dollars for cancer research
- Hawaii Medical Service Association reports \$17M net loss for Q1 2018
- Hawaii State Hospital announces new building, security features to prevent escapes

NEVADA

- Nonprofit CEO: 'Health care will help us diversify our economy and attract new industries'
- Las Vegas entrepreneurs tap into health care technology
- Las Vegas trauma team training doctors to save lives in New Orleans

UTAH

- Intermountain, Lifesprk partner on new senior care model
- Intermountain board names Gail Miller as chair