

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MAY 25, 2018

NATIONAL

- Hospitals Are All Over Facebook, But What Are They Posting About?
- Early 340B hospitals gave more uncompensated care than later participants
- With shortage looming, primary care doctors' salaries rise
- CMS to consolidate Medicare quality reporting programs
- Kaiser, BCBS of North Carolina enlist in 40+-member Health Care Transformation Task Force
- More doctors become hospital employees, facing noncompetes
- Hospital outpatient revenue grew about 40% over 5 years

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Management Health Solutions Names Todd Plesko as CEO
- Connecticut hospital attempting to acquire endoscopy center for \$3.3M
- West Hartford healthcare facility agrees to make ADA compliant changes
- Hospital of Central CT seeks bigger stake in Plainville endoscopy center
- Auditors highlight "potential conflict of interest" surrounding UConn Health Center CEO
- New York, Connecticut among worst in hospital safety, survey finds
- Western CT Medical Group forms partnership with American Family Care
- Big Pharma Asks Court To Dismiss Cities' Opioid Lawsuits
- Bridgeport healthcare facility raided by federal officials
- Yale health eyes \$19.7M primary care move

MAINE

- Houlton hospital making headway in reducing its debt
- Southern Maine Health Care Welcomes New CEO Nathan Howell
- Mercy Hospital receives \$2.75M gift to advance its consolidation
- UMaine System: Investments needed to meet record number of nursing applicants
- \$1B opioid lawsuit forces Maine health system to drop 2 addiction treatment partners
- Hospital purchases local retail pharmacy

- EMHS ends partnerships with Portland and Bangor, citing their \$1B opioid lawsuit

MASSACHUSETTS

- Steward Health Care, CEO named in discrimination lawsuit by former exec
- Five things you should know about Christina Severin
- Non-emergency children's services reinstated at Boston hospital
- Iora Health raises \$100M to transform the primary care model
- Partners HealthCare again expands northward
- Nantucket hospital fined \$50K for drug security lapses
- Partners' bid for second New Hampshire hospital part of larger regional plan
- Merged hospitals would be called Beth Israel Lahey Health
- Nurses at Massachusetts hospital reach contract deal
- Nurse who sued hospital for retaliation awarded \$28 million
- Boston company signs deal to buy Rhode Island hospital group
- How Mass General is dealing with the worst opioid shortage in years
- Whistle-blower: Steward Health Care restricted referrals, compromised care to keep patients in network
- Kindred, Massachusetts General Hospital to lay off 152 workers
- Walmart names its latest bundled payment partner: New England Baptist Hospital

NEW YORK

- Eric Slusser Named Chief Financial Officer of GLC/NHHC/JHC Merger
- Nurses from Northwell Health hospital give union OK to call strike
- Nurse accused of stealing more than \$550k from New York hospital
- Report: For-profit model one way New York hospitals can improve financially
- Washington Heights Hospital Opens New Maternal Care Center
- New York, Connecticut among worst in hospital safety, survey finds
- NYC Health + Hospitals: UnitedHealthcare owes \$11.5M in wrongful denials
- Massena Memorial Hospital records profit for first time in recent months
- Windsong Radiology completes \$1.2 million expansion
- Trinity Medical expands into Lockport
- NYC Health + Hospitals embarks on inaugural physician recruitment initiative

RHODE ISLAND

- Local leaders ask Care New England to decide fate of Memorial Hospital
- Local Leaders Urge Memorial Hospital Owner to Consider Sale

- Branson-owned health company to merge with its rival
- Boston company signs deal to buy Rhode Island hospital group
- Virgin Pulse acquired, merges with RedBrick Health

VERMONT

- UVM nurses rally to improve work conditions
- New Grace Cottage CEO settling in
- Vermont's Hub-and-Spoke Approach to Opioid Treatment Catching On
- Rutland, meet your new RRMC leader

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- MedStar to run the health and wellness center at The St. James

MARYLAND

- Call 4 Health expanding in Linthicum Heights
- LifeBridge Health reports major data breach
- Anne Arundel Medical Center gets judge's OK for cardiac program
- Investment in health: Hospital looks to taxpayers for funding
- CareFirst Names Brian Pieninck CEO
- Capital Digestive Care buys Rockville medical complex, plans 'hub for patient services'

NEW JERSEY

- J. hospitals do too many C-sections, and the numbers are climbing
- Atrium Health & Senior Living opens new center in N.J.
- Atlantic Health, Kindred break ground on rehab facility
- New Jersey health care CEO charged in \$200 million fraud
- Five Former Salesmen For Morris County Clinical Lab Sentenced For Bribing Doctors In \$100 Million Test Referral Scheme
- Quest, UnitedHealthcare partner on value-based programs

PENNSYLVANIA

- State agency revises numbers in preventable hospitalization report
- How many \$1M medical malpractice verdicts have there been in the Lehigh Valley?
- Edward Chabalowski is Phoenixville Hospital's new CFO
- Allegheny Health Network Announces Plan to Increase Minimum Wage to \$15 per Hour by 2021
- Wilkes-Barre General Hospital nurses plan for May 31 strike

- Somerset Hospital exploring affiliation, interest from several partners
- Pennsylvania's new long-term care program draws fire
- UPMC acquires hospital in Ireland
- Penn State Health to acquire hematology and oncology practice
- Presbyterian Senior Living promotes two execs

VIRGINIA

- How will the state's proposed tax affect SOVAH Health?
- Impact of proposed hospital revenue tax uncertain for hospitals
- Cancer doctors open new facility in North Stafford

WEST VIRGINIA

- West Virginia physician faces 390 years in prison, \$5 million fine for fraud, drug distribution
- Two rural healthcare centers receive \$200,000 each from Department of Health and Human Services

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- UI Health Care receives \$500,000 grant to provide telepsychiatry services to seniors
- Centene subsidiary wins Medicaid contract for Iowa
- Mercy-Des Moines unveils new stroke treatment procedure

KANSAS

- Report: HCA could buy 5 KC-area surgery centers
- Hospital unveils new name for building

MINNESOTA

- Cancer center expansion opens at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park
- Albert Lea hospital workers ratify new contract with Mayo
- Opioid fee dies in final hours of session
- Sanford Adrian Clinic to get new location
- Mayo Clinic sees revenues, operating income climb in 2018 Q1
- Smaller expansion at Regions Hospital moves forward
- Mayo Clinic sells off health plan to Wisconsin's WEA Trust
- Essentia Health plans \$675 million project in Duluth
- Luke's Health Care swings to black in Q1
- Lawmakers approve Minnesota hospital's expansion compromise after pushback

MISSOURI

- SSM Health hospital CEO departs days after 'abrupt leadership change' at another SSM facility
- Ascension revenue dips amid restructuring, shift in focus
- Report: HCA could buy 5 KC-area surgery centers
- Consumers would get protection from surprise ER bills under measure OK'd by Missouri lawmakers
- Medicaid payment errors could cost Missouri up to \$1.7 million
- Centerpoint Medical Center names new CEO
- 'Abrupt leadership change' leaves SSM Health hospital without president
- Care anywhere: The evolving state of telehealth care
- For new CEO, Centerpoint Medical Center job means coming home to KC
- McCaskill calls for federal probe of \$90 million billing scheme at Missouri hospital
- Judge dismisses Express Scripts shareholder lawsuit
- Ascension's operating income drops 62% in first 9 months of fiscal year
- 72% of pharma execs say Intermountain's drug venture is not a threat

NEBRASKA

- Syracuse Hospital on track for November
- DeFreece assumes new role at CHI
- CHI Health St. Mary's selects interim president
- Omaha Hospitals, Group Team to Stop Escalating Violence

NORTH DAKOTA

- CHI St. Alexius Board Meets Amid Doctors' Revolt
- North Dakota medical committee members resign over concerns
- Unrest Spreads Among CHI St. Alexius Physicians

SOUTH DAKOTA

- BHE donates \$10K to Regional facility
- New health care technology helps local veterans

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Investors sue Illinois rabbi for \$24 million in alleged nursing home purchasing scheme
- Kaizen Health completes \$3.8M financing round
- Illinois Supreme Court considers law that allows hospital property tax exemptions

- Illinois high court to weigh tax exemptions for hospitals
- How Advocate improved patient care and reduced costs by addressing malnutrition
- Advocate Aurora Health plans \$250 million hospital for Mount Pleasant, setting sights on the future growth from Foxconn plant

INDIANA

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital expanding in Indiana
- Franciscan, St. Vincent set to battle for patients on south side
- Indianapolis-based health research group wins \$33M federal grant
- Parkview Health to build 72-bed tower
- Indiana targeted by healthcare group
- Physician network names new CEO
- Anthem, Inc. to Acquire Aspire Health
- Federal Funding Will Support Indiana Health Research
- SamSam strikes Indiana physician practice's computer network

KENTUCKY

- Kentucky SNF Sells for \$6.5M
- 14 under long-term care face transfer as Eastern State Hospital ends service
- Hardin Memorial Health board approves Baptist Health acquisition
- Adam Meier Tapped As New Head Of Kentucky Health Cabinet
- College of Nursing Faculty Receive \$1.7 Million to Improve Health in Rural Kentucky
- Baptist Health acquires Hardin Memorial Hospital with 8-1 vote
- Eastern State Hospital Long Term Care Facility to close; budget reductions cited
- Surgeon, entrepreneur donates \$2.5 million to Louisville-area hospital foundation
- Broussard on why Humana invested in primary care startup
- Kindred, Massachusetts General Hospital to lay off 152 workers

MICHIGAN

- Nonprofit selling 153-year-old 'hospitality house' as program expands
- Tenet's Detroit Medical Center to sell outpatient pharmacy business to Walgreens
- DCHS, Bellin Health announce termination of Asset Purchase Agreement
- Mid-Michigan hospitals inject \$50M investment to boost their health
- Starting June, law will require doctor's to educate patients on opioid risks before prescribing
- Ascension funds \$50 million in projects at hospitals in Tawas City, Saginaw, Standish
- Mary's of Michigan slated for millions in upgrades, new name

- Mid-Michigan hospitals inject \$50M investment to boost their health
- Exec ranks among 'Top 25 COOs' in health care
- Donors raise \$30M for pediatric brain cancer center at U-M
- \$4M senior living community starts construction
- Trinity Health's operating income leaps 62% in Q2
- In 3 years, telehealth saved Spectrum Health \$4M
- 72% of pharma execs say Intermountain's drug venture is not a threat

OHIO

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital expanding in Indiana
- Cleveland Clinic To Open Tissue Storage Facility In Cleveland
- Judge denies University Hospitals' request to throw out fertility lawsuit
- Triage Model Nearly Doubles Rate of ER Patients Seen Within 10 Min.
- Ohio medical center to cut 10 FTE positions
- MetroHealth gives executive raises, bonuses after record year while construction project looms
- Cleveland Clinic to build biorepository on main campus by 2019
- ProMedica's operating loss narrows to \$2.7M in Q1
- SummaCare unveils new logo, office space
- Nationwide Children's gets another \$10M for pediatric research – making \$100M total from namesake insurer
- Cleveland Clinic's Lakewood Family Health Center set for July opening
- 'Ask yourself how you model innovation' — 3 thoughts from Cleveland Clinic CIO Edward Marx
- OhioHealth looks to add 12th hospital
- MetroHealth doles out \$1.5M in executive bonuses after record financial year

WISCONSIN

- Wisconsin hospital's Medicare contract at risk after CMS discovers new deficiencies
- Epic Wins Labor Dispute in Closely Divided Supreme Court Decision
- Eric Elliot: More physician assistants can join the fight against opioids, thanks to law
- Mukwonago to get full-fledged hospital at last
- Mayo Clinic sells off health plan to Wisconsin's WEA Trust
- Advocate Aurora Health plans \$250 million hospital for Mount Pleasant, setting sights on the future growth from Foxconn plant

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- 104-bed Alabama hospital to close
- EAMC holds groundbreaking ceremony for new Cancer Center
- Brookwood Baptist Medical Center at risk of losing Medicare billing privileges
- Positively PCMC: Getting to Know the CEO
- Grandview Cancer Center names new medical director

FLORIDA

- Nursing shortage growing
- Physician Partners of America constructing 2 Florida facilities with ASCs
- \$30M Facility to Open in Miami
- New proposal to combat doctor shortage amid opioid crisis
- South Florida hospitals deal with nursing shortage
- Healogics, Inc. : Launches New Web-Based Physician Resource
- Ocala's HealthSouth hospital expanding again
- Florida Hospital to hire more than 1,000 workers
- Nemours Children's to start recruitment for new pediatric residency this fall
- FSU breaks ground on medical clinic in southwest Tallahassee
- CMS to investigate Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital over unreported medical errors
- Florida Cancer Specialists building \$10 million comprehensive cancer center in Ocala
- Tour inside Orlando Health South Lake Hospital's first-ever freestanding ER
- All Children's Hospital under federal investigation after needles found in patients
- Hospital drops lawsuit against new mom over charges for procedures that never happened
- Lawsuit says health center left 98-yr-old in sun for hours
- Florida Hospital implements centralized scheduling
- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center gets a new CEO again
- Broward Health North selects new COO
- Mary's Medical Center selects Michelle Cartwright as CFO
- Bankrupt Miami hospital will be sold in auction

GEORGIA

- Northside-Gwinnett hospitals merger still unfinished after state's OK
- Emory lands \$400M grant to enhance healthcare offerings
- Georgia health system paying \$4.1M to settle opioid diversion claims
- Telemedicine's Value to the ICU Demonstrated in Rural Georgia Hospital

- Atlanta Digital Healthcare Kiosk Firm Raises \$10.4 Million

MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi ranks last on national health scorecard
- Forrest General Healthcare Foundation announces inductees for 2018 Doctors' Hall of Fame

NORTH CAROLINA

- Blue Cross Blue Shield drops North Carolina hospital
- House bill would provide telemedicine standards for providers, insurers
- Raleigh surgery center 'back in compliance' after investigation
- Four healthcare providers seek state approval for adding operating rooms
- North Carolina Lawmakers Ready to Take On New Telehealth Legislation
- New Murphy, N.C. hospital CEO specializes in rural healthcare
- Triad Center for Surgery, Cone, Forsyth and Wake Forest Baptist medical centers seek OR additions
- Would High Point Regional return to trauma center under Wake?
- New Murphy, N.C. hospital CEO specializes in rural healthcare
- Rural hospitals have most at stake if Mission goes for-profit
- Triad Center for Surgery, Cone, Forsyth and Wake Forest Baptist medical centers seek OR additions
- Concerns impact surgery schedule at Vidant

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Charleston health care startup nabs \$4 million investment from vision insurer
- When all else failed, Charleston doctor uses Twitter to get her patient's medication approved
- Spartanburg launches Wellville Exchange

TENNESSEE

- Quorum CEO out
- 4 things to know about Quorum Health CEO's departure
- Report: HCA, PE giant eyeing Envision
- Activist investor says health care giant's new CEO has brought 'a breath of fresh air'
- Dickson college's \$3M new healthcare facility boosts enrollment, excitement
- Anthem to acquire palliative care provider Aspire Health
- Southern Hills Medical Center names CMO
- Tennessee hospitals to go through growth spurt
- StoneCrest Medical Center Introduces New CEO
- Ballad Health names Andrew Wampler systemwide VP, CFO of 2 hospitals

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- City takes proactive approach to fund hospital
- Talks happening about Arkansas Heart Hospital in Bryant
- Harrison doctor gets hospital privileges back; still not able to see patients there
- Arkansas Heart Hospital Planning New Hospital, Medical Complex
- Eureka Springs Hospital taps new CEO

ARIZONA

- Green Valley doctor says his published opinion on nurse practitioners got him fired
- Northwest Healthcare expands presence in Arizona

LOUISIANA

- University Medical Center worries about funding, but won't send layoff notices
- Healthcare workers gather in Baton Rouge for address and rally on hospital funding
- Baton Rouge General recognizes extraordinary nurses
- Spine Hospital of Louisiana purchases land

NEW MEXICO

- Reports, analysis put New Mexico nursing homes at bottom
- State denies Medicaid contract protests

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma looks to hire nurses as health care inspectors
- New Oklahoma health department leader responds to audit

TEXAS

- A way forward: McAllen, Valley leaders eye San Antonio as model for clinical research
- Aetna sues Texas labs over \$50M fraud scheme
- Tenet's Detroit Medical Center to sell outpatient pharmacy business to Walgreens
- New program will keep doctors from leaving North Texas
- Texas hospital fields more than 200 tip line calls after nurse charged with murder
- Op-Ed: Texas Medical Center is an emerging hub of research, innovation
- Why This Texas Hospital System Is Doubling Down on Hiring In-House Interpreters
- Children's Health appoints 8 leaders
- Texas Health Gifted \$10 Million Toward New Surgical Tower in Fort Worth

- Texas long-term care hospital to close in mid-July
- 3 clinics to close as several North Texas pediatric facilities get new owner
- Children's Health To Sell 13 Clinical Sites, Take a Minority Stake In New Owner MD Medical Group
- Tenet hospital's Medicare contract in jeopardy over patient safety issues
- Driscoll Children's Hospital receives \$1M gift for medical pavilion
- Metroplex Health System CEO to depart
- New website shows cost of common medical procedures in Houston
- Texas Children's operating income nearly triples in first half of fiscal year
- Memorial Hermann taps new CFO, promotes 2 leaders
- David's North Austin Medical Center taps new COO

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Bipartisan collaboration in health care
- Alaska to delay some Medicaid payments as funding runs out

IDAHO

- A new helipad improves access to Saint Alphonsus Nampa

MONTANA

- Doty selected as Sidney Health Center's new CEO

OREGON

- Oregon hospital pursues 'war on melanoma'
- Mary Kingston to serve as chief executive of PeaceHealth Oregon

WASHINGTON

- CHI Franciscan Celebrates Grand Opening Of \$25M Rehabilitation Hospital
- Jury awards \$25M in Seattle hospital stroke case
- Trios bankruptcy nears end. New owners soon to follow

WYOMING

- To build or not to build?
- Cheyenne Regional Health System recognized for its high-performing electronic medical record system
- John's Hospital and Living Center earns national honors

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Prime Healthcare Services unlawfully stopped nurses' anniversary raises, court rules
- California's children's hospitals want taxpayer help for infrastructure, equipment upgrades
- Hospital honored for commitment to environment
- California AG files emergency appeal to keep physician aid-in-dying law on the books
- California's Message To Hospitals: Shape Up Or Lose 'In-Network' Status
- A. healthcare startup raises \$20 million for doctor house calls
- UC Davis Health names new CEO
- Sutter Health tight-lipped about cause of major computer crash
- California hospital's workers will see wage hikes of 42% by 2020
- 5 things to know about Kaiser's health plan
- Adventist Health names Rick Rawson to Rideout Health president role permanently
- 3,506 California healthcare workers petition for 15% cap on hospital overcharges, target Stanford Health Care
- Madera Community Hospital drops 'interim' from CEO Karen Paolinelli's title

COLORADO

- Hickenlooper signs five bills designed to attack opioid-addiction crisis
- Boulder Community Health to build new Lafayette offices in latest expansion bid
- Valley-Wide leaders officially break ground on new clinic
- Colorado Springs hospital in St. Mary-Corwin family lays off dozens
- Hospital president has a full plate
- Balfour Senior Living expands senior leadership team

HAWAII

- Hawaii's health system performance ranked best in nation
- New Hawaii state hospital's designs focus on safety
- Kapiolani Medical Center, Head Start receive \$3M in federal funding

NEVADA

- Collaborative effort needed to combat doctor shortage in Nevada

UTAH

- Intermountain, Home Care Provider Team Up in New Joint Venture
- Intermountain Medical Center names Blair Kent as new administrator
- Why Intermountain looked 1,400 miles away for its home health partner
- Intermountain brings specialized medicine to patients, physicians wherever they are

- 72% of pharma execs say Intermountain's drug venture is not a threat