

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JUNE 1, 2018

### NATIONAL

- MGMA calls for CMS to enforce health plans' HIPAA compliance
- Senators Seek Solutions to Disappearing Rural EDs
- Health care CEOs lead the way in pay
- How Amazon's digital health moves could affect providers
- Pfizer Settles False Claims Allegations for \$24M
- 8 latest healthcare industry lawsuits
- Do Most Hospitals Benefit from Directly Employing Physicians?
- Is your hospital ready for the many challenges of precision medicine?
- A Cloudy HIT Policy Picture is Beginning to Clear Up
- IBM Watson Health Cuts Work Force, According to News Outlets
- 4 new types of healthcare deals we're seeing
- Best Buy is looking into healthcare with an eye toward seniors
- Medicare readmission rates vary widely among BPCI Advanced conditions
- Home Health Ready to Fight Pre-Claim Review's Dreaded Return

### NORTHEAST

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

### **CONNECTICUT**

- Woman Gets \$345,000 in Discrimination Suit With Hospital
- AFC urgent care centers, WCMG form partnership
- St. Vincent's opens state-of-the-art lab
- Western CT Health Network aligns with urgent care provider
- CT: Opioid prescriptions in '17 down 14%
- Gov. Malloy inks two health care bills

### **MAINE**

- Waldo County General Hospital begins emergency room construction project
- HealthInfoNet names Shaun Alfreds as CEO
- Penobscot Community Health Center adds infusion center

- Grand Rounds, a San Francisco-based startup, is staffing up in Lewiston

## MASSACHUSETTS

- New report points out medical mistakes at Children's Hospital
- Surgery center opens in Shrewsbury, promising more affordable care
- HealthAlliance expansion gets share of \$109M windfall
- UMass-Reliant-Shields to open \$31M Shrewsbury surgical center
- Steward Health Care pressured doctors to restrict referrals outside chain, suit says
- The cradle of biotech: Companies and people that made Mass. into the world's biotech hub
- Former Brigham surgeon to lead UMass Memorial Medical Center
- UMass Memorial to close Leominster, Fitchburg services
- UMass Memorial gets \$109M bond for renovations
- Baystate Franklin, nurses strike tentative labor deal

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire hospitals, state on cusp of a reset over payment dispute
- New Hampshire officials, hospitals arrange 7-year deal over uncompensated care
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock to get increase from NH for uncompensated care

## NEW YORK

- Roswell Park now \$1M closer to Central New York site
- Viewpoint: State-mandated nurse ratios would hurt patient safety
- New York will spend millions on advanced manufacturing, health care workforce programs
- NYP CEO Corwin on flirting with Amazon, telemedicine and AI
- No more rented offices for city hospitals, chief says
- New York City physician sues former patient for \$1M over negative Yelp review

## RHODE ISLAND

- Partners Healthcare has finalised a deal to acquire Care New England
- R.I.'s \$2.8-billion in Medicaid spending a 'worthwhile investment,' report says
- South County Health president & CEO announces retirement
- Women & Infants appoints new president and COO
- University Orthopedics opens East Providence facility

## VERMONT

- UVM Medical Center recognized for environmental efforts
- Keene Medical reverses course and will continue partnership with Vermont Medicaid

- UVM Medical Center gets green light to purchase \$22M in nearby property

## **MID-ATLANTIC / EAST**

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

### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- Unity Health Relocates DC HQ
- The Stanley Cup game plan for MedStar? Keep the Caps healthy.
- 11 Greater Washington companies win spots on \$1B military health contract

### **MARYLAND**

- Judge gives Anne Arundel Medical Center the green light for a cardiac ASC
- Trio of Maryland health bills signed into law
- Maryland Health Connection gears up for 2018 health insurance enrollment

### **NEW JERSEY**

- Wise to Retire from HMC, Hunterdon Healthcare System
- Deckmann named CEO of CarePoint Health
- OneHealth information network gains first member
- Conspirator gets prison term in massive health fraud scheme
- New Jersey hospital nurses bring in federal mediator after authorizing strike
- Murphy signs individual health care mandate law
- Former drug company sales rep admits bribing NJ doctors
- Bayshore Medical Center reopens ICU after fire and water damage
- CarePoint Health taps former Optum exec as CEO

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

- Is your loved one in a nursing home? We want to hear from you
- Pennsylvania rural hospitals to pilot global payment model
- The CEO of a Philadelphia ACO Shares Her Perspectives on the Path Forward for Patient Engagement
- Lehigh Valley health care providers march toward telehealth, but insurers slow to follow
- Lancaster nursing home formerly run by Skyline has a new operator
- Workforce shortages challenge local healthcare providers
- Penn State Health to acquire another medical practice, this one focused on cancer
- How the opioid crisis is changing how Philadelphia emergency room doctors care for patients
- Makosky named CEO of Fulton County hospital
- Pennsylvania hospitals sue Penn-affiliated hospital for \$9 million in 'bogus' claims

- Berks nursing home among those sold to new owners
- Telemedicine approach improves genetic counseling at community-based cancer care
- Jefferson CEO makes list of 'most creative' people in business
- Software helps Pennsylvania Dermatology Partners with patient engagement
- Pharmacists help reduce hospital readmissions at Einstein Philadelphia
- WellSpan opening second Lancaster County urgent care center
- Dauphin County health care information firm names new executive team
- Fulton County Medical Center names new CEO
- Somerset Hospital promotes COO to CEO

## **VIRGINIA**

- Virginia set to expand Medicaid, pass state budget
- Medarva West Creek Surgery Center undergoes expansion
- Gridlock over: Virginia lawmakers approve Medicaid expansion

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- Raleigh General doctor completes 500 da Vinci surgeries
- St. Joseph's Hospital named one of the safest in West Virginia

## **CENTRAL**

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

## **IOWA**

- University of Iowa Health Care asks for help collecting bills
- Iowa Medicaid has been overbilled \$25 million, but the state's collection efforts have serious flaws
- UI Health Care names new CFO
- Mercy psychiatric hospital sought for Clive, would operate as joint venture
- Keller named chief medical officer of Mercy

## **KANSAS**

- Tyson grant to aid Kearny County Hospital
- 'It does something for your soul': St. Francis wound center treats whole person
- Wesley names new chief financial officer

## **MINNESOTA**

- St. Luke's Health Care swings to black in Q1
- Paramedic and EMT shortage being felt in Southeastern Minnesota
- Minnesota asks Medicaid to pay for more drug treatment

- \$800 million Essentia Health campus plans progress
- Call it reconstructive surgery: \$800M Duluth hospital project is record for city's downtown
- Mayo Clinic Switching Approach to Rural Health Care in Adams
- Dayton signs off on scaled-back Regions Hospital expansion plan
- Smiths in talks to merge Minnesota-based medical-device business with California company
- Hennepin County Medical Center's VP of Revenue Cycle Niobis Queiro shares tips for gaining physician buy-in

## MISSOURI

- For Missouri heart attack patients, the nearest hospital isn't always the best
- Missouri hospital closure problematic for expectant mothers
- Chesterfield pediatrics administrator gets probation after embezzling \$140,000
- McCaskill Calls For Federal Investigation Of Billing Practices At Missouri Hospital
- Bothwell Regional Health Center hires vice president of clinic operations
- What hospitals, payers, and pharma think about buying generic drugs from Intermountain's startup
- CHS' plan to close Missouri hospital leaves expectant mothers scrambling to find care
- Nurse says she was harassed for trying to break up union in Kansas City
- Dr. Anthony Tersigni: Innovative care models are new catalysts to transforming healthcare

## NEBRASKA

- CHI, Nebraska Medicine team up to stop violence
- Amid lawsuits alleging inadequate care, will Douglas County stand by jail's medical provider?

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- Orange City hospital to acquire local physical therapy center
- Avera Health names South Dakota native new president and CEO

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Area hospitals recognized for patient, employee satisfaction
- Column: Cook County Hospital redevelopment nears starting line, with \$135 million in financing
- OSF HealthCare St. Anthony Medical Center VP named to Becker's 100 list
- Advocate Aurora Health planning to build new hospital, clinics in Racine County
- Epic defends UI Health contract amid Cerner dispute
- Illinois hospitals' tax exemptions at risk in court case
- Cook County Health and Hospitals System in Chicago reaches HIMSS Analytics Stage 7

- First month at Chicago adult trauma center a busy one
- Jury orders Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to pay \$2.7 million in damages over wrongful death suit

## INDIANA

- Methodist Hospital of Henderson continues discussing affiliation with Deaconess
- Kentucky Hospital Weighing Affiliation With Deaconess
- Indianapolis science institute gets \$33M for health research
- Community Health Foundation Receives \$2.5M Grant
- Indianapolis medical device firm plans \$26M HQ in Whitestown
- Calls for transparency as Methodist Hospital discusses future
- Blackford, Jay hospitals announce leadership changes
- Former Anthem Employee Charged in Fraud Scheme
- IU Health Makes Leadership Changes
- St. Vincent to pay \$15K in disability discrimination lawsuit
- St. Vincent doctor fires back after hospital's decision to close his practice
- Southwest IN Flexes Life Science Muscle
- Anthem Agrees to Add Palliative Care Provider
- Indiana hospital to close obstetrics unit May 31
- IU Health Blackford Hospital President Steven West to retire

## KENTUCKY

- Methodist Hospital of Henderson continues discussing affiliation with Deaconess
- Kindred, Humana Crack Fortune 500 List for 2018
- Calls for transparency as Methodist Hospital discusses future
- Surgeon, entrepreneur donates \$2.5 million to Louisville-area hospital foundation
- Kentucky Hospital Weighing Affiliation With Deaconess
- Bevin and Foundation For A Healthy Ky. to Announce Medicaid Waiver Partnership
- Cave City practicing physician and others indicted by a federal grand jury
- Bevin Teams With Nonprofit To Implement Kentucky Medicaid Changes
- TLRMC designated as level IV Trauma Center
- Humana sues government to keep secrets of its \$45B Tricare contract confidential

## MICHIGAN

- DCHS: Still viable, looking to future
- DCHS continues search for regional healthcare partner



- [Strata Oncology raises \\$26 million in latest funding round](#)
- [Wayne State, Henry Ford deep in affiliation talks](#)
- [Henry Ford Health System, Wayne State University discussing potential affiliation](#)
- [Ascension to invest \\$50M in 3 Michigan health systems](#)
- [DCHS reassuring public of care standards](#)
- [Meridian Health, Michigan's largest Medicaid provider, bought for \\$2.5B](#)
- [Intermountain, University of Michigan advance precision medicine for cardiovascular care, cancer](#)
- [WellCare to Acquire Meridian for \\$2.5 Billion](#)
- [What hospitals, payers, and pharma think about buying generic drugs from Intermountain's startup](#)
- [McLaren Oakland names new CFO](#)
- [Michigan bill would change how state funds Medicaid share](#)
- [Chuck Sherwin to serve as president of MidMichigan Medical Center-Alpena](#)

## OHIO

- [Berger Health starts formal merger talks to become OhioHealth's 12th hospital](#)
- [Lake Health presses on as finances turn around](#)
- [Ohio universities to end nursing partnership program](#)
- [Data breach at Aultman Hospital may have compromised some patients' personal information](#)
- [Cincinnati Eye Institute to expand nationally](#)
- [Akron Children's Hospital Foundation announces new board president, members](#)
- [Class action lawsuit filed against Premier Health, surgeon](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic spinoff is at the center of efforts to remake the operating room](#)
- [UH Richmond completes emergency department renovation](#)
- [Ohio's Hospice in Dayton expands coverage with new affiliate](#)
- [Five Rivers Health Centers CEO talks Good Sam, new services and expanded hours](#)
- [Premier Health closing Warren County emergency center in July](#)
- [Nationwide Children's spending more on research, but increased grants, philanthropy temporarily reduced need for subsidies](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic's Lakewood Family Health Center set for July opening](#)
- [Alliance Community Hospital CEO to retire, ending 21-year tenure](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic looks to rein in costs as Q1 operating income dips 22%](#)

## WISCONSIN

- [Froedtert Health to build a 'neighborhood' hospital in Mequon](#)
- [Doctors bring health care back to the basics](#)

- Advocate Aurora Health Care Plans \$250 Million Hospital Complex
- Children's Hospital takes big-picture view of mission
- SSM Health St. Clare Hospital improves children's hearing exams in Wisconsin Dells
- DWD: Interim HealthCare of Wisconsin closes Madison facility, impacting 98 employees
- Agnesian HealthCare announces Tami Schattschneider promotion
- Propeller health announces \$20M funding round, strategic partnership with Aptar Pharma
- Froedtert Health: New 8-bed 'neighborhood' hospital will free up beds at flagship facility
- GE Healthcare teams with Tampa hospital to create artificial intelligence data center

## **SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

### **ALABAMA**

- Hospital in west Alabama receives \$2 million grant
- \$40M Cancer Center on track to open May 2019
- Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors

### **FLORIDA**

- Jacksonville pain-management clinic agrees to pay \$1.2 million federal claim
- MedExpress Opening Neighborhood Medical Center in Vero Beach
- Friday Editorial: UF Health Jacksonville has a growing impact — and a promising leader
- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center names Trey Abshier CEO
- USF Health Endoscopy and Surgery Center achieves AAAHC accreditation
- Julia Truman named COO of Orange Park Medical Center
- Physical therapists look to expand role
- Walgreens may be building the store of the future in Florida — but Wall Street is skeptical
- Boca Raton Regional Hospital earnings down as it considers merger
- WellCare to Acquire Meridian for \$2.5 Billion
- How AI command centers are helping hospitals harness analytics to manage operations
- Virginia couple commit \$6 million to Cleveland Clinic Florida for orthopedic advancements
- Orange Park Medical Center selects new COO
- Aetna, newborn physician firms embroiled in legal battle over payments

### **GEORGIA**

- Emory Healthcare to launch technology innovation hub
- University Hospital's president Bowcutt calls it a career



- Hospital system invests \$3M to bring more skilled nursing beds onto campus
- Pricing in health is complex, 'even for those of us who live and breathe it' — 3 questions with Emory Healthcare Director of Revenue Management Keri Bennett
- St. Francis Hospital taps new COO
- WellStar Avalon Health Park Breaks Ground On June 4

## MISSISSIPPI

- OCH Regional Medical Center moves one step closer to choosing a hospital system to affiliate with
- How a Mississippi practice went from near bankruptcy to thriving in the black
- Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Columbus Regional to shift to Cerner Millennium platform
- Rehab clinic faces multiple NC investigations for forced labor, putting elderly at risk
- North Carolina Health System to Launch Cerner EHR Implementation
- New UNC cancer clinic open in Rockingham
- Pardee Hospital seeks to add C-section operating room
- Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors
- Higher expenses lowers Wake Forest Baptist excess revenue totals
- From data analytics to drug discounts? Triad firm launches prescription plan
- Novant Health reports 71.4 percent drop in excess revenue the first quarter

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- University of South Carolina Nursing Program Helps Nurses Stay In Their Communities
- S.C.'s universities and hospitals are exempt from taxes. Should they pay up?
- Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors
- Court Slaps \$114M Judgment in Lab Kickback Scheme
- Roper St. Francis founding members investing \$50 million into health system

## TENNESSEE

- CEO: \$31M for Horizon facilities shows confidence in Dickson Co.
- Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System has invested millions for medical care in the Lakeway Area
- Quorum details CEO exit payoff
- Memphis, Nashville health orgs plan to consolidate
- Erlanger releases rendering of proposed ER in Bradley County
- Saint Thomas rolls out Tennessee's first artificial heart program

- West Tennessee Healthcare approves \$90M loan to finalize Tennova facilities purchase
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center points to Epic rollout for 60% drop in operating income
- 4 things to know about Quorum Health CEO's departure

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARKANSAS**

- Arkansas Heart Hospital plans branch in Bryant
- Judge: Doctor can't piggy-back on nursing home's arbitration in overfeeding death
- Hospital plan would extend expansion
- Skyline Health to Exit Nursing Home Industry

### **ARIZONA**

- Arizona ranks 31st out of 50 states in health, well-being of seniors in national report
- Banner Health's net income plunges 55% in Q1
- Minnesota the latest state to sue this Arizona opioid maker

### **LOUISIANA**

- East Jefferson General Hospital looking to make massive partnership deal
- Lafayette physicians first in the state to utilize robot technology for spinal surgery
- University Medical Center ramps up efforts to protect funding from potential cuts
- Hospital operator says state budget could be a matter of life and death
- St. Francis recognized for high quality in maternity care
- Proposals to redevelop Charity Hospital will come from 3 teams LSU has picked

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Emergency room visits leveling off at ABQ hospitals
- Derrick Cuenca to be CEO for MountainView Regional Medical Center

### **OKLAHOMA**

- Stillwater's Plasma Bionics named Oklahoma Venture Forum's 'Most Promising New Business'
- State Health Department's financial reality apparently withheld by top leaders even from finance officials
- How Integris Health fortified data security with identity governance
- Saint Francis investing \$22 million in updated technology
- Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee to install new Epic EHR for \$16M
- Norman Regional names chief nursing officer

### **TEXAS**

- [Tenet Subsidiary Teams With Florida Clinic To Buy Ambulatory Surgery Centers](#)
- [Medical City Affiliate CareNow Opens Urgent Care Facility in Las Colinas](#)
- [Tenet Board Appoints Two Independent Directors](#)
- [Brownfield Regional Medical Center closes Dr. Tedford's medical practice until further notice](#)
- [Memorial Hermann Names New CFO, Sets Off Chain of Promotions](#)
- [Houston Methodist cancer center offers comprehensive care](#)
- [Methodist Health System Signs Facilities Management Deal With JLL](#)
- [Texas Children's operating income nearly triples in first half of fiscal year](#)
- [Will a Payer's New ER Policy Give Telehealth a Boost in Texas?](#)
- [Tenet Health revamps board, points to signs of possible turnaround](#)
- [Telemedicine Begins Expanding in North Texas](#)
- [Dallas-based Health Insurance Company For Senior Market Grows Through Acquisition](#)
- [Hospital CEO search down to 2](#)
- [UT Health East Texas EMS files motion to dismiss ambulance monopoly lawsuit](#)
- [Texas's health system performance among worst in nation](#)
- [St. David's North Austin Medical Center taps new COO](#)

## **NORTHWEST**

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

### **ALASKA**

- [State juggles Medicaid payments to stretch out funding](#)
- [Report shows Alaska's health system performance continues to need improvement](#)
- [Bill would increase health care price transparency for Alaskans](#)
- [Number of complaints against South Peninsula Hospital dept. manager grows](#)
- [Healthcare price disclosure aimed at high costs, but is no silver bullet](#)

### **IDAHO**

- [Idaho's rural doctor shortage: The problem persists, but residency programs and the internet offer hope for a solution](#)
- [Nampa officials break ground on new first responders facility](#)
- [Officials: Idaho's rural EMS agencies need help](#)

### **OREGON**

- [OHSU to participate in clinical trial for potentially 'life-transforming' drug](#)
- [OHSU, Sky Lakes break ground on \\$50M education-clinic project in Klamath Falls](#)

### **WASHINGTON**

- 3 Reasons Providence St. Joseph, Ascension Didn't Merge
- Healthcare startup Qliance files for bankruptcy, lists more than 100 creditors — including CEO's new company
- Direct primary care group files for bankruptcy after abruptly closing clinics
- Kadlec health system promotes chief administrative officer to CEO

## WYOMING

- Memorial Hospital receives feedback in surveys
- Wyoming Medical Center pays \$37M for Mountain View Regional Hospital
- Former candidate for CCH board asks hospital to arm staff

## WEST

*(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)*

## CALIFORNIA

- Bill to create health care price controls in California dies
- Marin Healthcare District physicians' annual fees raise eyebrows
- Report: Workforce needed to fill growing demand for SoCal health care services professionals
- California hospital designed from child's point of view
- 3,506 California healthcare workers petition for 15% cap on hospital overcharges, target Stanford Health Care
- Molina Healthcare CFO Joseph White to retire; Thomas Tran to take over
- Loma Linda University Health promotes Angela Lalas to CFO
- Kaiser CIO Dick Daniels breaks down the virtual patient-physician relationship

## COLORADO

- How is Anthem's outpatient imaging policy being received in Colorado?
- Air medical services working to keep care available to rural patients in Colorado
- Evans Army Community Hospital welcomes new boss
- Colorado Springs Launches Medical Tourism Website
- Aspen hospital is launching new initiative to reduce opioids
- Health records on iPhone now available to Centura Health's patients

## HAWAII

- Maui Health System names new chief operating officer

## NEVADA

- Las Vegas behavioral health group to pay \$1M for Medicaid fraud

## UTAH

- Intermountain, University of Michigan advance precision medicine for cardiovascular care, cancer

- What hospitals, payers, and pharma think about buying generic drugs from Intermountain's startup
- 'These doctors are keeping my baby girl healthy': DRMC opens new pediatric center
- Intermountain Healthcare launches 'first of its kind' study of premature births
- Medicaid expansion qualifies for ballot in Utah
- Merit Medical Announces Leadership Change and Appointment of Interim CFO