

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JUNE 8, 2018

NATIONAL

- Are hospital readmissions an accurate quality measure? These 2 researchers aren't so sure
- Physician groups raise alarm over potential dearth of medical residents in July due to visa delays
- Hospitals are losing money on employed physicians: Here's how to save the bottom line and your staff
- 340B cuts sting struggling hospitals, hurt credit ratings, S&P says
- Secretive group within Amazon reportedly conducting cancer research, launching health data venture
- Unorthodox competitors, political uncertainty and timeless leadership strategy: 3 things hospital executives need to know to understand today's healthcare environment
- New approach equips med school grads for tomorrow's health system
- Telehealth success varies by how it is used
- Doctors Without Data: Why one MD founded a startup just to get metrics on his own patients
- AHRQ National Scorecard on Hospital-Acquired Conditions
- Physician and surgeon average salary for all 50 states
- Where is physician-hospital alignment headed in the next 10 years?
- Hospitals Are Economic Anchors in Their Communities 2018
- CEO to be named soon for Berkshire, Amazon, JPMorgan healthcare venture
- AMA proposes policy on AI use in medicine
- 3 ways FDA seeks to modernize its drug approval office
- 8 healthcare leaders share their No. 1 piece of advice

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Study: CT hospitals ranked among lowest in nation for patient safety
- In Connecticut, Hartford Health is Ahead of the E-Prescribing Curve
- Milford Hospital to exploring an integration with Bridgeport Hospital
- Norwalk Hospital emergency unit reduces opioid orders by 45%

MAINE

- Calais Regional Hospital ends management agreement with out of state company
- Maine hospital terminates management agreement with Quorum

- [Memorial Hospital defers plan for unification with MaineHealth](#)
- [Mid Coast Parkview campus officially opens after \\$6.2M renovation](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care confirms collaborative model talks with Partners HealthCare](#)
- [Former Brigham surgeon to lead UMass Memorial Medical Center](#)
- [MetroWest prepares its pitch to biotech execs](#)
- [Athenahealth CEO Jonathan Bush steps down as board considers a sale](#)
- [BMC Nurses Plan Another Strike](#)
- [Hospital CEO Steers a New Course](#)
- [Nurses announce strike, hospital takes back contract offer](#)
- [Two Mass. biotechs each seek \\$115M in IPOs as sector nears record](#)
- [Research group: mandated nurse ratios would lead to more hospital closures](#)
- [Massachusetts hospital tackles alert fatigue after staff overlooked patient's deadly allergy warning](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [This president of a big Wichita hospital is starting a new job in New Hampshire](#)
- [New Hampshire, hospitals strike \\$1.7 billion reimbursement deal](#)

NEW YORK

- [Perra responds to MergerWatch report on hospital affiliations](#)
- [Canton-Potsdam hospital files paperwork to expand with over \\$6 million project](#)
- [Carthage Hospital Introduces New Medical Center](#)
- [Jordan Health workers accept mediator's wage proposal](#)
- [NewYork-Presbyterian opens cancer center in Park Slope](#)
- [Another Staten Island doctor sentenced to prison in test-referral scheme](#)
- [Crystal Run Healthcare, Rockland expansion key battleground in New York governor's race](#)
- [CityMD Pays \\$883K to Settle NY False Claims Allegations](#)
- [New Ogdensburg hospital CEO looking to shift Claxton-Hepburn away from episodic care](#)
- [Surgeon must surrender license, pay restitution](#)
- [NYC overtakes Boston in the standings for biotech research employment](#)
- [Albany Med renovating floors to add 32 beds](#)
- [Peconic Bay Medical Center names new campus for Entenmann](#)
- [Mount Sinai takes notes from hospitality industry to adapt to new patient expectations: 3 questions with IT leader Matthew Grob](#)
- [New York hospital drops proposed rebranding plan following community discontent](#)

RHODE ISLAND

- Partners HealthCare, Care New England settle on merger plan
- State Lawyer Missed Appeal Deadline: News Sources
- Rick Majzun named president, COO of Women & Infants Hospital
- South County Health CEO to retire

VERMONT

- Nurses, UVM Medical Center Remain at Odds Over Contract
- Copley Hospital, nurses union reach deal on new contract

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Nemours names new president and CEO Dr. R. Lawrence Moss
- Del. hospitals use footprint technology to help identify missing infants

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- D.C. Council unanimously approves GW Hospital helipad construction
- GW Hospital earns award for stroke treatment

MARYLAND

- Decision to approve Arundel Medical Center cardiac program appealed — again
- UM Capital Region Health to appeal AAMC certificate of need ruling
- Gaithersburg biopharma company Sirnaomics raises \$25M
- Emergent BioSolutions plans \$50 million expansion to Baltimore facility

NEW JERSEY

- Atlantic Health opens Hackettstown area specialty care office
- Lyft and Hackensack Meridian Health team up to create rideshare command center
- Bergen County neurologist faces additional charges in medical kickback scheme
- Medical society of N.J.: What is Horizon hiding from its customers?
- Murphy Signs Bill Mandating Health Insurance Coverage in NJ
- New Jersey passes law fighting surprise medical billing
- NJ hospitals target state's abnormally high C-section rate
- Jefferson Health NJ cited for providing overdose antidote
- N.J. hospital chains agree to merge
- Virtua to acquire 2 Trinity hospitals in New Jersey

PENNSYLVANIA

- Papalia appointed president of UPMC Kane
- LGH cited for missing hundreds of respiratory treatments due to lack of clinicians
- County medical practice joins Steward Health Care System
- Penn Highlands Clearfield welcomes new president
- How pharmacists are slashing readmission rates at a Philadelphia hospital
- Pennsylvania nurses strike, cite staffing concerns at Wilkes-Barre General
- St. Luke's lawsuit: Lancaster hospital cheated other hospitals out of tobacco money
- Ohio Valley Hospital could become part of Heritage Valley Health System
- Philadelphia pharmacy owners pay \$3.2M to settle fraud claims
- UHS CEO Alan B. Miller on how George Washington influenced his leadership style
- Mark Reyngoudt is Brandywine Hospital's new CFO
- Somerset Hospital joins trend of rural hospitals seeking partners
- Trinity Health expects a \$75M to \$100M loss on sale of Lourdes Health System to Virtua Health
- Children's Miracle Network raises \$4.5M for Penn State Children's Hospital
- Construction of Main Line Health's \$32M women's center to begin this week
- Geisinger reports \$145.9 million profit
- WellSpan York Hospital opens \$1.6M NICU expansion
- Wilkes-Barre hospital nurses protest lockout after daylong strike
- Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center names permanent CEO

VIRGINIA

- Virginia getting ready for major health care overhaul
- Bon Secours building new hospital in Suffolk

WEST VIRGINIA

- CAMC see positives of utilizing telemedicine
- Some revisions made, but WVU breaks ground on new Medicine Children's tower
- WVU Medicine breaks ground on \$150M children's tower

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Keokuk Medical Center Closing This Fall
- University of Iowa Children's Hospital disputes continue

- University of Iowa Health Care needs millions to dissolve alliance
- Contractor alleges University of Iowa Children's Hospital negotiated in 'bad faith'
- Mercy dedicates new 50-bed rehabilitation hospital in Clive
- UnityPoint names Stark as new CEO
- UnityPoint Health adds Carthage, Ill., hospital as affiliate

KANSAS

- Column: Legislature makes gains in improving health care
- This president of a big Wichita hospital is starting a new job in New Hampshire
- 80 jobs, new lab coming to biotech company in Lenexa
- Get an early look at KU Health's \$100M expansion in OP
- KU Salina Medical School Coming to Life

MINNESOTA

- GRHS names new chief executive officer
- Saint Francis Healthcare System raises minimum hourly rate
- UnitedHealth's Optum part of \$2.2B deal for doctor-staffing company

MISSOURI

- Program designates hospitals for some heart attack patients
- Missouri hospital employee allegedly stole \$54k in medical supplies meant for charity
- Physician-owned healthcare system opens new support center in Kansas City area
- Siteman aims to make clinical trials more diverse by bringing science to north St. Louis
- Health clinic comes to MetroLink stations in St. Louis
- Missouri hospital allegedly fired coder for refusing to ignore improper billing
- Dr. Patricia Maryland: It's our responsibility to remove social barriers on the road to good health
- Missouri OKs law to combat Anthem's controversial ER policy. Will it help?
- Nurse says she faced intimidation for trying to dissolve union at Research Medical

NEBRASKA

- New Omaha-area clinic touts stem cells' 'remarkable potential' as some experts urge caution
- Federal judge allows Nebraska tribes to pursue opioid lawsuits separately from states

NORTH DAKOTA

- CHI reinstates medical executive, peer review committees
- COO makes promises to St. Alexius doctors

SOUTH DAKOTA

- 5 Things: What's next for Avera Health under its new president and CEO?
- Bob Sutton announced as Avera's new CEO

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Ruling says state board shouldn't have approved 13-bed hospital plan in Crystal Lake
- Mercyhealth to appeal ruling halting its plan to build \$79M hospital
- Oak Lawn hospital expects slight drop in trauma patients from new Hyde Park ER, official says
- Illinois procurement board upholds Epic's \$62M contract after Cerner protest
- President of OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois leaving
- Thorek Memorial Hospital's Bonnie Phipps' motto? 'Learn on someone else'
- Outcome Health names 4 new board members
- County Board plans public hearing on finances of hospitals system Tuesday
- Rauner Health Care Chief Who Led Medicaid Change Is Leaving
- How an Illinois-based ASC is boosting physician recruitment: 3 key questions with Alfonso del Granado
- Chicago hospital gets \$45 million to expand PTSD treatment
- UIC Hospital eases patients' pre-surgery protocol
- Memorial Hospital switches ownership to UnityPoint
- Cook County Health & Hospitals System hires new chief quality officer

INDIANA

- Hospital closing rehabilitation unit
- Hospital again meets Porter County abatement requirements
- New hospital construction nearing finish line
- Indiana University Health East Central Region Leadership Changes
- IU Health appoints new critical access hospital regional president
- Anthem Names Executive VP
- After backlash, St. Vincent withdraws rezoning request for 96th and Spring Mill land
- Biopharmaceutical Company to Lay Off 100
- Southwest Medical improves services
- St. Vincent, Anthem Reach Deal On Microhospitals

KENTUCKY

- Eastern Kentucky Hospital lays off 100 employees

- Kentucky's senior health ranking improves slightly
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services makes key leadership announcements
- These Kentucky hospitals had more MRSA infections than almost all others in the U.S.
- Norton Healthcare completes its C-suite with new hire
- Norton Healthcare invests \$18 million in Norton Audubon energy plant
- Impact of layoffs ripples through community
- UofL nursing school grows to accommodate demand
- Baptist Health Louisville wraps \$18.7M emergency room expansion

MICHIGAN

- Otsego Memorial Hospital Becomes Fully Integrated with Munson Healthcare System
- Michigan nurses OK labor deal with Duke LifePoint
- Nurses at hospital in Michigan's Upper Peninsula OK contract
- Ascension makes renewed commitment to local health systems
- Wayne State, Henry Ford, DMC react after revelation of affiliation discussions
- New Michigan opioid laws may mean longer prescription wait times
- UPHP names Melanie Bicigo Chief Operating Officer
- Feds: Health care fraud scheme in Michigan involved medically unnecessary meds that harmed patients
- Mid Michigan lawmakers weigh in on revised Medicaid work requirement measure passed by the House
- Corporate foundation gives grant to hospital

OHIO

- Trinity unveils \$75M addition plan
- Ohio nurses seek relief from overwork and burnout
- University Hospitals records financial growth in 2017
- ProMedica's \$27 million master plan nearing completion
- Two years later, union issues haunt Cleveland Clinic takeover of Akron General Medical Center
- Alliance Community Hospital CEO to retire, ending 21-year tenure
- Mercy Health to pay \$14.25 million fine to Feds
- State changes plans for sharp Medicaid cuts, payment delay
- Premier Health CEO elected to board of \$4B company
- Adena among top performing U.S. hospitals for heart attack care
- Why Cleveland Clinic, Kaiser are touting group appointments for patients
- Wexner Medical Center set to buy Delaware County land for care center

- Ohio Medicaid reduces planned hospital payment cuts
- Athersys Inc. and Healios complete deal to expand their MultiStem partnership
- Akron Children's Hospital creates addiction services program
- University Hospital East plans for day when iconic round tower will come down
- Nationwide Children's top surgeon named CEO of Florida pediatric system

WISCONSIN

- Deal with Grantsburg medical center expands Fairview's reach in western Wisconsin
- Aurora sells stake in two surgery center ventures with Froedtert & MCW
- Aurora Health Care sells ownership in 2 ASCs for \$7M
- Froedtert Health: New 8-bed 'neighborhood' hospital will free up beds at flagship facility
- iCare expanding at Schlitz Park
- Wisconsin hospital's Medicare contract in jeopardy after third CMS survey reveals deficiencies

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Floyd Healthcare takes on management of Centre hospital
- Brookwood Baptist Medical Center working on Medicare requirement fixes
- Cherokee County's lone hospital will remain open
- Tenet hospital retains Medicare contract
- Alabama hospital ceases inpatient admissions as it prepares to close
- Alabama lawmaker, health care exec indicted

FLORIDA

- State OKs Munroe's TimberRidge hospital
- Florida approves three new hospitals for Lee and Collier counties
- Citrus Memorial Hospital expands heart services
- Lee Health reduces hiring, raises in response to declining revenue
- Florida Hospital breaks ground on Connerton facility expansion
- Hospital embarks on \$20M critical care expansion
- As Cleveland Clinic eyes local hospitals, we have reasons to be wary — and hopeful
- Florida doctor pleads guilty to taking kickbacks, agrees to \$2.8M settlement
- Nemours Children's Health System names Moss as new president and CEO
- 3 Orlando Health hospitals get new presidents

- Florida Hospital and GE Healthcare Partners are transforming clinical care across Central Florida
- Jackson Health had most MRSA infections in US for 2017

GEORGIA

- Floyd Healthcare takes on management of Centre hospital
- Report: WellStar Sylvan Grove Hospital has \$11 million economic impact
- Austell's Cobb Hospital celebrates 50th anniversary
- Georgia nursing board prioritizes drug-addicted nurses over patients, report says
- Children's COO: Expansion part of keeping up with patient population
- Emory Healthcare announces new innovation hub
- Grady EMS Opens South Georgia Headquarters
- Eastside Medical Center only metro Atlanta hospital to receive patient safety award
- Jackson Healthcare CEO Rick Jackson explains how he escaped 'the slums'
- Dispute between United Healthcare and Children's Healthcare may hurt patients the most
- Atlanta biomedical company MiMedx ousts two execs, restating financials following investigation
- 'I'm an entrepreneur who happens to be in the CFO role': 6 questions with Piedmont's Michael McAnders
- Phoebe Putney Health System selects new chief quality officer

MISSISSIPPI

- Unhappy UMMC pediatricians 'loot' to form own sub-specialty practice, lawsuits ensue
- Physicians claim Mississippi children's hospital had 'pervasive mold and cockroaches'
- Elite Physical Therapy opens outpatient center in Meridian

NORTH CAROLINA

- UNC Health Care CEO Bill Roper to step down next year
- NC bills aim to establish teaching hospitals in rural areas
- Nash UNC Health Care appoints new CFO
- Cone Health, Randolph Health cease merger talks
- BCBSNC To Invest in Physician Assistant Training
- Interim hospital CEO John Young sees future growth
- Davis Regional's Wound Healing Center recognized
- New Opioid Bill Gets Support from Law Enforcement, Concern from Recovery Advocates
- Fired Cardinal CEO Topping sues investigator, law firm
- Telemedicine, rural teaching hospital bills advance in state House
- State treasurer presses Vidant, ECU on merger

- Atrium Health's \$115M modernization project in Concord reaches next milestone
- Triad health provider continues eastward push with new clinic
- Cone Health nabs Sinai Health System IT chief as CIO
- 90 physicians leaving Atrium share details about the split

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Moody's new Roper St. Francis score reflects hard times for nonprofit hospitals
- Hartsville hospital keeping up with All-America image
- Carolinas Hospital System expects continued growth in 2018
- PMC awaiting court decision on Fort Mill hospital property
- SC Governor Signs 9 Opioid Related Bills Into Law

TENNESSEE

- Marinich new CEO at Cumberland River Hospital
- Struggling Nashville General extends CEO contract by 3 years
- West Tennessee Healthcare completes \$67M purchase of Tennova medical facilities
- Leadership change at Stones River Hospital
- Middle Tennessee podiatrist sentenced to federal prison for health care fraud scheme
- CHS continues hospital sell-off spree with deals in Louisiana, Tennessee
- HCA eyes purchase of Houston hospital
- 3 board resignations and a surprise CEO contract at Nashville General 'doesn't seem like a coincidence,' city councilman says
- Nashville General Hospital board bombed in CEO contract extension | Plazas
- Urgent care venture lands growth capital
- Fourth Nashville General Hospital board member resigns, citing 'disappointment' with CEO vote
- Report: HCA makes final bid to buy Envision
- Tennessee hospital to lay off 15% of staff

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Medical students to serve rural Arkansas in mobile clinic
- Harrison doctor resigns hospital privileges after six-month suspension
- Allegiance Health Settles False Claims Act Allegations with DOJ
- Cancer, Heart Facilities Done, St. Bernards Looks to Final Stretch of Expansion
- Sparks Health System taps new chief administrative officer

ARIZONA

- Arizona's health system performance sees significant improvement
- 2 Arizona hospitals enter bankruptcy
- Laughlin planning to build hospital in namesake township
- Arizona hospital chosen as one of dozens of hospitals to take part in heart surgery trial
- 148 physicians awarded \$148k under BCBS of Arizona's shared savings ACO

LOUISIANA

- New law OKs 'granny cams' in Louisiana nursing homes
- Letters: Louisiana budget crisis' threat to UMC funding a troubling sign for New Orleans' economy
- CHS continues hospital sell-off spree with deals in Louisiana, Tennessee
- JP council considers proposal for Ochsner expansion
- New Orleans' Children's Hospital appoints its 1st pediatrician-in-chief
- New Orleans BioInnovation Center receives \$88,000 federal grant to work as healthcare accelerator
- Allegiance Health Management lawsuit settlement includes Plainview facility
- Justice Department reaches agreement to resolve Americans with Disabilities Act investigation
- Former Kilgore health provider agrees to \$1.7M settlement in federal lawsuit
- LSU Health, Delgado announce new joint nursing program

NEW MEXICO

- UNM Health Sciences Center Partners With Presbyterian to Improve Pediatric Care
- New Mexico county files lawsuit over opioid crisis
- Rep. Lujan Grisham Announces \$1.06 Million For New Mexico Health Centers

OKLAHOMA

- New Oklahoma health website shows progress, room for improvement
- Quality rankings disagree on Oklahoma City hospitals
- Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center selects interim CEO
- Integris Health Edmond to double size with proposed expansion

TEXAS

- Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center halts heart transplant surgery program after recent deaths
- Renowned Texas heart transplant program suspends operations
- Hospitals of Providence names new administrator
- More than 160 Texas hospitals join effort to reduce maternal mortality

- HCA Gulf Coast reportedly could buy another northwest Houston hospital
- HCA could soon own 53 hospitals in Texas
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas delaying new ER policy
- Tenet hospital retains Medicare contract
- HCA eyes purchase of Houston hospital
- Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital discusses bankruptcy possibility with hospital directors
- Appellate court revives monopoly suit against Texas hospital
- Healthcare CEO sentenced to 19 years for \$18M physical therapy fraud scheme
- Tenet shakes up its board again & more
- Medical City Weatherford CEO Leaves For Granbury Hospital
- Laredo Medical Center will launch city's first-ever residency programs
- Texas hospital considers bankruptcy as debt mounts
- Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Just Opened the World's First Airport ER
- Parkland Hires Associate Chief Talent Officer
- Health care company lays off more than 130 workers in San Antonio as it closes hospital
- Lake Granbury Medical Center appoints new CEO
- Tenet paid out \$127.2M in wage disputes since 2000

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Mat-Su Regional reduces opioids in ER by more than 60%
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center recognized for outstanding stroke and organ treatment
- Armed with defense dogs, Providence Alaska Medical Center reports decrease in violence
- Family Physicians Earn Respect in Remote Valdez, Alaska
- Committee recommends SEARHC, Quorum hospital proposals

IDAHO

- Idaho ranks 49 of 50 states on physicians per capita in new report
- Richard Miltenberger named CEO of Mountain Health CO-OP

OREGON

- Oregon's care economy = low pay and high turnover, SEIU finds
- Bend hearing set on future of Oregon Health Plan
- Health giants say safe drug disposal kiosks can combat opioid abuse in Oregon

WASHINGTON

- Northwest Health CEO to Leave for Larger Seattle-Based Foundation
- Doctors Without Data: Why one MD founded a startup just to get metrics on his own patients
- Health insurers propose 19 percent average rate hike in Washington state

WYOMING

- Wyoming Medical Center finalizes purchase of MVRH
- Hospital board member removed from office

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- California hospital avoids closure, enters 5-year management contract
- Entrepreneur promises bankrupt California hospital solvency through remote lab billing
- Why Cleveland Clinic, Kaiser are touting group appointments for patients
- DaVita sells subsidiary Paladina Health to New Enterprise Associates for \$100 million
- Anthem Blue Cross lawsuit accuses Sebastopol hospital of fraudulent billing
- Dignity Health-Glendale Memorial Hospital taps new CEO

COLORADO

- Rx for nursing shortage? Local experts say hospital culture is key
- Colorado's health system performance remains strong
- State opioid measures aim to address opioids as deaths continue to rise
- Vail Valley Centura Health patients can now get health records on their iPhones
- New Denver Surgery Center receives state accreditation to see patients
- DaVita sells subsidiary Paladina Health to New Enterprise Associates for \$100 million
- Children's Hospital North to expand
- Software firm to the health-care industry expands to Fort Collins
- One-on-one with Good Samaritan's Jennifer Alderfer
- Health care changes result in hospital layoffs

HAWAII

- Opioid bills would tackle Hawaii's opioid crisis
- Maui Health System selects Debbie Walsh as COO

NEVADA

- Costs Of ER Visits In Nevada Rising Faster Than Any Other State

UTAH

- Intermountain clinic expansion adds new services
- Medical records for more than 600 patients stolen from Moran Eye Center
- Report: Medicaid spending per capita in Utah is lowest in US
- Utah's health system performance among best in the nation despite shortcomings
- AirMed celebrates 40 years of flying patients to the University of Utah Hospital