HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JULY 6, 2018

NATIONAL

- Feds boast largest healthcare fraud takedown ever at $2B in false claims
- GAO: 340B hospitals, contract pharmacies need more oversight
- CMS to waive MACRA’s alternative payment model requirements for Medicare Advantage under test
- CMS: Doctors, hospitals received $8.4B in payments from drug companies last year
- AHA urges CMS to expand start dates for BPCI Advanced
- CMS proposes reimbursing home health agencies for remote patient monitoring
- AHA to CMS: Industry needs more secure mobile apps
- State-by-state breakdown of 85 rural hospital closures
- How hospitals can learn from the manufacturing industry to curb medical errors
- More hospitals sue HHS over DSH payment calculations
- Drug, device companies gave docs, teaching hospitals $8.4B in 2017
- CMS delays due dates for BPCI Advanced
- Challenges continue for small and rural practices under MIPS, GAO report finds
- Nearly half of healthcare organizations expect higher profits from value-based care
- Trump administration names new DEA head

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- New Connecticut Law Enables Providers to Prescribe Via Telemedicine
- Malloy will release long-delayed hospital payments this week
- Sharon Hospital to Close Maternity Ward
- Waterford psychologist pays $126K to settle allegations regarding false claims
- Cigna names doctor, economist McClellan to board

MAINE

- NMMC changes in best practices earns hospital accolades
- Maine lawmakers to revisit Medicaid expansion after holiday
- Maine Quality Counts to merge with Connecticut firm
MDI Biological Lab President Kevin Strange awarded $12M grant

**MASSACHUSETTS**
- Why Boston Medical Center Is Investing In Housing
- Federal government denies Massachusetts' request to limit MassHealth drug coverage
- Berkshire nurses reach agreement, cut short planned strike
- Biotechs just set an IPO record. Here's how much each company raised.
- Boston Scientific to buy California heart device startup

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**
- Amazon’s shakeup of the pharmacy industry has roots in New Hampshire

**NEW YORK**
- LI doctors charged in healthcare fraud crackdown
- 10 things to know about Oscar Health: A view of the company 6 years after its founding
- S. attorney: Urgent-care practice submitted false claims to Medicare
- Fired physician sues NYU Langone, saying doctor who died of overdose had endangered patients
- Long Island Hospital Build Its Own Garden To Feed Patients
- South Nassau and Empire reach deal
- Arnot Health CEO Dr. Robert Lambert

**RHODE ISLAND**
- UNAP members conduct informational picket outside Rhode Island Hospital
- Rubius Therapeutics to build $155m facility in Rhode Island
- Southcoast to open Fall River urgent care center July 10
- Newport Hospital breaks ground on $12.5M emergency room expansion

**VERMONT**
- UVM Medical Center nurses say they will go on strike
- Vermont to adopt rules to regulate new healthcare plans
- Hospital and nurses to resume contract talks Friday

**MID-ATLANTIC / EAST**
*(Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)*

**DELAWARE**
- Delaware hospitals turn to robotic technology for some surgeries
- Beebe Healthcare is expanding in Delaware’s fastest growing county
- Greenhill Pharmacy grows into regional footprint
Delaware’s Booming Population Drives Expansion in Healthcare

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- C.’s 2018 Construction Starts Up 22% From Last Year, Rank 3rd In U.S.
- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Now Clinical With RayStation and Hyperscan

MARYLAND

- New nursing care provider takes over Marsh Pike facility
- CareFirst patient care program saves more than $1 billion in health care costs
- From near bankruptcy to $100M in the bank: How University of Maryland Capital Region Health CEO Neil J. Moore led organizational change
- MedStar Union Memorial fails preliminary accreditation due to problems with its inpatient dialysis center
- Johns Hopkins Hospital evacuates 2 buildings over TB exposure

NEW JERSEY

- Atlantic Health System, MedExpress partner in 11 New Jersey Urgent Care Centers
- Inspira Health unveils South Jersey’s first inpatient medical detox unit
- Horizon pays N.J. surgery centers $160M to settle claims it short-changed payments
- Health care union, Hudson County hospitals settle contracts
- Hudson Regional settles worker contract
- Teva Pharmaceuticals announces move to Parsippany
- Villa Marie Claire receives $3M for palliative care study
- Senate passes nurse-to-patient requirement for nursing homes

PENNSYLVANIA

- Penn State Health says new hospital, practically next door to rival, moves it closer to its customers
- Summit Health taps Medline for distribution
- Pennsylvania ASC coalition slaps down $100K tax burden
- Summit Health and Wellspan Health sign affiliation agreement
- Which of the three West Shore hospitals will be better? It might be hard for patients to figure out
- Pennsylvania hospital displays how robot is used in operating rooms
- Somerset Hospital explores merger with UPMC
- Former UPMC Worker Indicted for HIPAA Violations
- Geisinger makes quality pledge that lasts a lifetime
- Briefs: Pennsylvania Medical Society names two Berks doctors as Top Physicians Under 40
- Family Practice Doctor Pays $360,000 to Settle False Claims Act Allegations
Penn State Health St. Joseph cited in patient's death
First Hospital and nurses reach contract agreement
Pennsylvania hospital cited for failing to stabilize patient who died at separate facility
Nurses, CHS reach agreement after strike at Pennsylvania hospital

**VIRGINIA**

- Medicaid company to pay $3.3 million to Va. and federal government to settle false-claims allegations
- Newport News healthcare provider agrees to $3M false claims settlement
- Kaiser Permanente to open new medical centers in Haymarket, Stafford
- Inova Health System joins shift in hospitals investing in inpatient behavioral health
- Layoffs expected at Inova in August

**WEST VIRGINIA**

- Pleasant Valley Hospital Recognized for Higher Quality in Maternity Care
- New WVU program aims to increase patient access and high paying jobs
- PEIA Task Force begins daunting work of reforming West Virginia health plan
- PVH receives an 'A' for patient safety in recent Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

**CENTRAL**

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

**IOWA**

- Iowa nurses charged with health care fraud for using patients to obtain prescription drugs
- Spencer Hospital to Open New Dialysis Center
- State of Iowa has no data to support Medicaid savings claim, health care official says
- Iowa awards Medicaid contract to company with $23 million in fines

**KANSAS**

- Cray donates $2 million to KU health system
- OP company files antitrust suit against pharmacy giant
- A heartfelt gift: KU Health System gets $2M from former MGP chairman
- KU partnership will fill 'soaring' need for behavioral health professionals

**MINNESOTA**

- Minnesota-based Medica is expanding into Missouri, Oklahoma
- Good Samaritan, Sanford Health merger closer
- Minneapolis hospital system suspends some clinical trials
- Allina Health, Aetna name C-suite of venture
University of Minnesota devotes $2M to reduce MRI wait times

BCBS of Minnesota scoops up Anthem exec as CEO

MISSOURI

Minnesota-based Medica is expanding into Missouri, Oklahoma

Nurses At Research Medical Center Protest Staffing Amid Contract Negotiations

When it comes to bringing babies, St. Louis area docs have highest workload in country

Missouri hospitals fear fallout from changes to Medicaid

Vulnerable Rural Hospitals Face Tough Decisions On Questionable Billing Schemes

Louis hospital system adding paid parental leave

Barnes-Jewish, SLU hospitals rank high on price, low on quality; critics call rating unfair

Mercy shares EHR data with J&J to evaluate medical device safety

Missouri nonprofit loses Arkansas Medicaid contracts, begins ‘transition timeline’ for operations

Thousands of patients’ data stolen after Children’s Mercy employees fall for scam

Myra Christopher, longtime leader of Center for Practical Bioethics in KC, retires

Missouri sees encouraging change in opioid-abuse deaths

NEBRASKA

Reports show hospital’s impact

Seven Nebraskans, including one doctor, charged in national health care fraud takedown

Winnebago Tribe takes over troubled hospital on reservation

Natural birth center inside hospital is first of its kind in Nebraska

Fremont Health moves forward with Nebraska Methodist partnership

Nebraska’s chief medical officer and public health director will retire in August

UNMC’s Munroe-Meyer Institute will move to former First Data site after $85.1 million renovation

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sanford Health to merge with Good Sam

Sanford CEO teases deal in Chicago market, suggesting even more growth for the system

Former hospital CEO sentenced for failing to disclose gift

South Dakota Supreme court sends hospital discrimination claim back for review

Prairie Lakes Healthcare System names new CEO

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS
APNewsBreak: Illinois on hook for $300M in nursing care

Illinois To Expand Number Of Physician Assistants Allowed By Law

Sanford CEO teases deal in Chicago market, suggesting even more growth for the system

$60 million hospital project in Taylorville

Rogers Behavioral Health plans new treatment centers in Illinois, Florida

Illinois firm buys Fox Point medical center

New divisional leadership announced for OSF Children's Hospital, UICOMP

Bellock named director of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

Feds Approve Illinois' Latest Hospital Assessment Program

INDIANA

IU Health Selects Regional President

Nashville company purchases New Albany rehab hospital for $23.4 million

Anthem and Saint Joseph Health System reach a deal

Indiana nursing home chain's ex-CEO sentenced for kickbacks

DCMH announces home health partnership

New CFO at Community Health Network

DCMH announces home health partnership

Work Begins on Bioscience Building

KENTUCKY

Christ Hospital weighs options after ASC plans crumble, city to proceed with plans

KVC Behavioral HealthCare Kentucky announces new president and vice president

Mercy, Kindred Healthcare among companies posting the most job openings on Monster

10 Kentucky health care providers busted for fraud, national takedown

Louisville's largest-in-the-world aging-care cluster is growing and sharing best practices

Parts of rural Kentucky are struggling to find accessible mental healthcare

Judge blocks Kentucky's Medicaid work requirement

Nurse practitioners filling the widening gap in health care

KentuckyOne, NY firm hope to reach Jewish Hospital deal 'later this summer'

Kentucky to cut dental, vision for up to 460K Medicaid recipients

Appalachian Regional Healthcare finalizes purchase of Saint Joseph Martin hospital, clinics

Humana and 2 firms close on Kindred Healthcare purchase

Appalachian Regional Healthcare finalists purchase of Saint Joseph Martin hospital, clinics
Humana, private equity consortium finalize $4.1B Kindred purchase
Here's how much Kindred execs made from sale to Humana-led consortium
Humana suffers 'spoofing' cyberattack on 2 of its websites

MICHIGAN
Colleges, nonprofit work to increase diversity in health care workforce
Michigan Medicine Admits to Healthcare Data Breach in Laptop Theft
Nurses' contract expected to expire without replacement
Expert: MSU's handling of medical records could have violated HIPAA laws
Concierge Medicine: A Trend That's Arrived In Northern Michigan?
Saint Joseph Mercy, Mercy Health select new statewide chief strategy officer
Michigan hospital sues 3 patient relatives over Facebook post
Bill would create single-payer health care system in Michigan
Report: DMC given clean bill of health by oversight board
Children's hospital ranks among 'best' in US
Jury awards $135M in medical malpractice case
Senior living community plans $8.5M expansion
Senior living campus plans $36M community
3 states pass laws restricting opioid prescriptions

OHIO
Christ Hospital weighs options after ASC plans crumble, city to proceed with plans
Hospital unveils five-year plan for upping sustainability
Summa Health's West Tower taking shape as hospital's new front door
CareSource scrutinized over late payments as new Medicaid work arrives
Cincinnati Children's jumps to No. 2 spot in nation, is first in Ohio
MetroHealth unveils latest version of 'hospital in a park' plan
Cleveland's bold new vision? Aim to become The Medical Capital
Nurses Ratify Contract with the University of Cincinnati Medical Center
Summa Health's interim chief signs on for another year to build on initial turnaround successes
Hospital says it's not liable for loss of eggs, embryos in freezer malfunction
Cleveland Clinic Joins Apple Health Records for EHR Patient Access
Robert Maloney to serve as Anderson Hospital COO
TriHealth taps doctor, businessman to fill board seats
WISCONSIN

- Aurora Health Care buys $14.5M plot for planned ASC, office building
- Wisconsin area considers consolidating emergency services
- Rogers Behavioral Health plans new treatment centers in Illinois, Florida
- Illinois firm buys Fox Point medical center

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- 104-bed Alabama hospital closes
- Alabama Recruits for Statewide Population Health, Genomics Program
- Alabama considers adding fifth long-term care home for veterans
- Alabama Genomic Health Initiative begins its recruitment

FLORIDA

- Hospital deal hinges on who stays on the hook
- Meridian partners with telehealth resource
- Orlando nonprofit gets financing deal to build major new health clinic in Ivey Lane area
- The future of Tampa Bay hospital care looks a lot like Apple and Amazon
- Hospitals file petitions to keep competitors out of Southwest Florida market
- Local doctors caught up in major federal health care fraud crackdown
- Planned Marion hospital spurs legal challenge
- Leader of Saint Alphonsus' Boise hospital accepts Florida job
- Miami health system partners with Philips on patient monitoring
- Challenge lodged against Munroe's TimberRidge plan
- Florida urogynecology network pays $1.7 million to settle allegation of false claims
- Rogers Behavioral Health plans new treatment centers in Illinois, Florida
- Florida Hospital Tampa's affiliation with Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital brings high-quality pediatric care closer to home
- Florida physician network pays $1.7M for allegedly misusing billing codes
- 3 states pass laws restricting opioid prescriptions
- UCF Health reports $5.8M loss, risks losing physicians
- Lee Health appoints new chief HR officer

GEORGIA

- Northeast Georgia Health System clinics expanding to bear weight of Chestatee Regional closure
Area hospitals struggle to find physicians and nurses

Children's Healthcare wants to build a 446-bed pediatric hospital in DeKalb County

Full-service cancer care returns to Northwest Georgia: CHI Memorial upgrading, reopening Parkway facility

For rural Georgians with no nearby clinic, a doctor may soon be a phone call away

Georgia hospital to close next month

New hospital administrator in charge at PMC

Northside Hospital Forsyth plans $20 million expansion of surgical services

Grady says plan in place, will be ready to handle south Fulton service

Rural Georgia hospitals get a quick $60 million infusion of donations

Rural hospital tax credit program hits annual donation cap

MISSISSIPPI

Starkville Hospital Partners With University of Mississippi

Mississippi hospital delays insurer split pending mediation

Mississippi Delta Hospital Could Be Leased to New Manager

U of Mississippi Medical Center hospital bills could be up to 29 times higher for BCBS members if contract ends

NORTH CAROLINA

Where can you find the best children's hospitals in NC?

State's major health systems, CCPN link up ahead of Medicaid reform

Chapel Hill Decision on UNC Health Care Development Delayed Until Fall

Final beams placed at new 12-story Mission Health tower, fall 2019 opening expected

Outer Banks Family Medicine, Urgent Care to get a new home

The extent of anesthesiology layoffs at Atrium hospitals is detailed for first time

Health care provider may have closed at least one Triad clinic

Novant begins construction on Clemmons ambulatory surgical center

Novant Health opens new Triad spine specialty clinic

Layoffsloom after Southeast Anesthesiology loses Atrium Health contract

Pain specialist clinic to gain High Point operator

State's major health systems, CCPN link up ahead of Medicaid reform

California surgical robot maker buys 6 acres in Durham

SOUTH CAROLINA

Opioid overdoses costing South Carolina hospitals millions of dollars

Some Charleston hospitals recognized for low C-section rates
TENNESSEE

- Nashville company purchases New Albany rehab hospital for $23.4 million
- Briley: Nashville General Hospital CEO deserves 'a chance,' but must be scrutinized closely
- Nashville General Hospital paid ex-councilman in secret, says another ex-board member
- Erlanger's bid to build new emergency department in Bradley County, Tennessee denied
- Nashville General Hospital over the years
- Notes: New COO for Saint Thomas Rutherford
- Maury Regional hires Boyd as chief operating officer
- Opioid Measures Among New Tennessee Laws Kicking In
- Tennessee medical college lays off 55 nonfaculty employees
- Physician group to close dozens of clinics amid federal investigation into CEO
- CHS shares continue downward spiral, sink to new low
- Vanderbilt develops blockchain tech for medical record sharing
- 3 states pass laws restricting opioid prescriptions

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Heart Hospital plans top Bryant agenda
- Sparks Health CEO Dan McKay resigns for job in Kentucky; Brandon Bullard named interim CEO
- Behavioral health care provider's 700 workers told state units to close
- UAMS Gets $1M for Chair in Otolaryngology

ARIZONA

- Phoenix has some of the most overworked OB/GYNs
- Banner Health partners with Lyft to offer ridesharing for patients

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner completes $20 million expansion to clinic near Covington
- Lourdes to buy Women's & Children's Hospital
- CMS approves Oklahoma proposal for value-based Medicaid agreements with drug manufacturers
- Louisiana Budget With Deep Health Cuts Approved by House
- Louisiana Threatens to Evict Nursing Home Residents
- Digital health startup RDNote gets another $250K investment

NEW MEXICO
Hospital board leader passes gavel

NM nursing consortium facing dearth of funding

New Mexico hospital names imaging department after long-serving radiologist

Holy Cross Hospital opens pediatric clinic in Taos

OKLAHOMA

Minnesota-based Medica is expanding into Missouri, Oklahoma

CMS grants Oklahoma’s amendment to negotiate value-based rebates with drugmakers

Hopes of better days ahead for hospital

Oklahoma’s SoonerCare could get refunds if drugs don’t make patients healthier

Cherokee hospital continues offering blood tests after nurse improperly reused syringes

TEXAS

New $250 million medical center could bring 1,800 jobs to Mesquite

Public-private venture will establish $250M medical campus in Texas

Children’s Health CNO Mary Stowe Talks Nursing Shortage

Hospital lab charge spikes found at rural hospitals

Texas Clinics Bridge the Divide Between Mental, Physical Health Care

New $250 million medical center could bring 1,800 jobs to Mesquite

2 East Texas area residents charged in largest ever healthcare fraud enforcement

Hospital Explosion Investigation Continues

Dallas Physician Operator Arrested For Largest Health Care Fraud Scheme in DOJ History

Nine workers remain in hospitals after Coryell Memorial Hospital explosion

Moms-to-be more likely to rely on Medical City Lewisville

Texas hospital reopens ER after deadly explosion

Texas hospital settles overtime dispute with 197 ER employees

Texas Health Resources plans 83-bed hospital in Mansfield

Texas hospital to end inpatient care, ER services July 9

Baylor Scott & White’s Fort Worth, Dallas Campuses Experience Baby Booms

NORTHWEST


ALASKA

Skagway secures summer medevac, leaves winter healthcare in question

Legislature taking steps to address opioid epidemic
Cordova hospital averts loss of internet access

IDAHO
- Leader of Saint Alphonsus' Boise hospital accepts Florida job
- Medicare and Medicaid drop Idaho Doctors' Hospital
- CMS to terminate Idaho hospital's Medicare billing privileges

MONTANA
- Complaint Details Fraud Allegations Against Kalispell Regional Healthcare
- Initiative to Extend Medicaid Expansion Nears Ballot Qualification

OREGON
- New report sheds light on Multnomah County's overburdened mental healthcare system
- PeaceHealth doctors and nurses rally over labor disputes in Eugene and Springfield
- Nearly 200 Oregon hospital workers join union
- CEO named for McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center in Springfield
- Telehealth now a cornerstone of many health care plans
- The Oregon Clinic President Dr. Craig Fausel retiring
- Oregon Effort to Declare Health Care a Right Falters
- McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center selects new CEO

WASHINGTON
- Washington launches online tool that lets patients compare prices for medical procedures
- Amazon to acquire online pharmacy PillPack
- H-Source's revenues rise as hospital margins fall
- New hospital price tool reveals average cost of surgeries at St. John

WYOMING
- Enzi Seeks Creative Ways to Help Wyoming Lower Health Care Costs
- Hospital boards tentatively OK new budgets
- Wyoming Medical Center to break ground on new hospitality home for patients, families
- John’s Hospital gets traction on new Living Center

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

CALIFORNIA
- Mercy, Kindred Healthcare among companies posting the most job openings on Monster
- More California hospitals give patients web access to doctor notes
Children’s Hospital Bond Act qualifies for November ballot

Report: Surgical residents at Kern Medical get trauma experience, but not much else

Ex-CFO, 3 surgeons charged in $950M kickback scheme in California

California hospital may reopen within 4 months under Adventist Health

9 more charged in California hospital fraud scheme

LA hospital to pay $550K in homeless patient dumping case

Patient deaths, liver transplant failures spiked over 2 years at UC San Diego

Shuttered 128-bed California hospital sells for $33M

Cash-strapped California hospital puts off closure talks, launches fundraising campaign

Eastern Plumas Health Care CFO retires

COLORADO

Legislature working to reduce health care costs

Vibra Healthcare Announces Opening of Vibra Rehabilitation Hospital of Denver

A Denver-area hospital sued a patient for nearly $230,000 over her surgery bill. A jury said not so fast.

DaVita Response to Legal Ruling

Children’s Hospital Colorado ranked among top pediatric hospitals

Porter Adventist suspends transplant operations, forcing 232 patients to find another hospital

Clear View names new chief executive officer

HAWAII

Study: Hawai‘i Ranks No. 1 for Overworked Nurses

Automated billing improves Hawaiian health system cashflow by $5M

UH Cancer Center retains national designation

NEVADA

Las Vegas mental hospital loses nearly half of staff in 10 years

Report: Nevada's nurses, physicians overworked

Nevada Regional Medical Center Receives $2,000 Grant

North Las Vegas hospital investigated amid abuse allegations

Four Nevada residents charged as part of national health care fraud take down

UTAH

Leonhardt’s Launchpads, Utah Medtech Innovation Accelerator Expands in Salt Lake City

Sponsor of Utah’s Medicaid work requirements unfazed by Kentucky court decision

USDA Invests In Opioid Health Care For Rural Utah Communities