HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - NOVEMBER 9, 2018

NATIONAL

- DJO launches 1st outpatient arthroplasty risk assessment tool
- Hospitals slammed with $380M in CMS cuts, industry cries foul
- CMS finalizes site neutral payment rule
- AHA says payer consolidation, not hospital prices, raises healthcare costs
- 3 changes potentially coming to HIPAA
- OCR Announces Next Round of HIPAA Audits Will Focus on Enforcements
- CMS Publishes CY 2019 Physician Fee Schedule/QPP Final Rule
- OIG: FDA must address postmarket cybersecurity risk to medical devices
- Site-neutral payment rule sparks sharp rebuke from American Hospital Association and threat of legal action
- How Blockchain Is Transforming Health Care
- If CVS bets big on urgent care, hospitals should worry
- IBM Watson Health names top 50 cardiovascular hospitals
- PwC: What the midterm shakeup means for healthcare
- CMS moves on E/M: 3 things physicians should know
- Hospitals illegally claimed $4 million in education funds, says OIG
- CMS to Reimburse Providers for Remote Patient Monitoring Services
- Amazon has another exclusive OTC drug brand
- CMS' final outpatient payment rule for 2019
- 92% of healthcare providers concerned about CMS price transparency rule, survey finds
- 42 hospitals make Leapfrog's 'straight-A' list for safety
- Where are the 17 Leapfrog 'F' hospitals?
- 4M patient records breached in Q3: 7 things to know
- CMS proposes changes to managed Medicaid, CHIP: 7 things to know
- HHS to launch new mandatory bundled payment models

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT
71 Connecticut Nursing Homes 'Best' In U.S News Ratings

Cigna’s 3Q profits jump 38% ahead of Express Scripts purchase

UConn Health’s upward trend

MAINE

New pharmacy regulations lead to planned expansions for EMMC, Brewer cancer center

In Maine, 7 Hospitals Merge to Create $3 Billion Nonprofit

Study: Maine ranks 4th in the country for ER visits

Central Maine Healthcare & Central Maine Orthopaedics establish new partnership to expand orthopedic care

Northern Light Health ACO partners with Boston tech firm

Fired hospital employee wins in labor dispute

Voters Say No to Universal Home Care Initiative

MASSACHUSETTS

These are the best nursing homes in Massachusetts, according U.S. News

Massachusetts nurse-staffing question rejected

Holy Family Hospital selects new CFO

Northern Light Health ACO partners with Boston tech firm

Former Cambridge biotech employee imprisoned for insider trading

Merrimack to shelve lead cancer drug, lay off most of workforce

BCBS of Massachusetts improperly denied mental health claims, class-action suit says

Massachusetts hospital publicly apologizes for 2016 patient death

Massachusetts union regroups after defeat of nurse staffing initiative

Massachusetts hospital to close emergency department

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Northern Counties Health Care Names Interim CEO

Hospital cited for labor violations involving hours, teens

Dartmouth-Hitchcock awarded $3 million to develop medical technology

NEW YORK

Northwell Health to supply interim CEO, leadership team to New York hospital

Upstate hospitals join pilot program to reduce ER opioid use

Federal cuts to cost LI hospitals $170M, Schumer says

Timeline of NYC Health + Hospitals' $1 billion Epic EHR rollout

Hospital to invest $60,000 in security upgrades
New York hospital to invest $60K in security after media investigation
Horizon Health opens addictions expansion, readies for new training center
Urgent care provider expanding in Albany market
New rehab nursing center emerges in Glen Cove
Pharmacy delivery startup aims to open in Hauppauge
Mount Sinai selects chief marketing and communications officer

RHODE ISLAND

2 Rhode Island orthopedic practices join together
Lifespan fails to reach merger deal with Partners HealthCare, Care New England
Report: R.I. ranks No. 7 in Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade with 3 A ratings
I. to launch first 24/7 mental health, substance-use triage, call center Nov. 14
Provant Health to lay off 92 workers, close following acquisition
Rhode Island hospital closure prompts spike in ER diversions

VERMONT

Hansen: Unreliable data plagues Vermont’s all-payer ACO model
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital to acquire Northern Physical Therapy
Vermont hospital workers vote against unionization
Dartmouth-Hitchcock shares $9 million Biden Moonshot Initiative grant

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

Delaware Hospice chaplain provides clarity, comfort
Christiana Care opens new Behavioral Health Unit at Wilmington Hospital
Beebe moves expanded rehab center to Rehoboth Beach
Wilmington Hospital adds new Behavioral Health Unit

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Providence hospital still intends to close in December. But it’s not set in stone.
Have a look at Greater Washington’s hospital expansions and renovations

MARYLAND

Federal labor board finds Johns Hopkins Hospital tried to deter nurses from forming union
Hershey seeks hospital services audit
Why one Johns Hopkins RN says some nurses don't need a union
This Rockville biotech is expanding to a new HQ. Here are the details.

Upper Chesapeake Health System plans hospital campus in Aberdeen

These are Maryland’s safest hospitals

NEW JERSEY

Hackensack Meridian Health appoints president of care transformation services, physician practices: 3 notes

400 layoff notices a sign hospital sale is moving forward

Breach Settlement Has Unusual Penalty

Palisades nurses ratify contract with Hackensack Meridian Health

Hackensack Meridian Health names regional president of Central Market

CHS agrees to sell New Jersey hospital facing closure

Rutgers Cancer Institute gets $50K grant

NJ tops in US in fall Leapfrog hospital safety grades

Cyclacel, MD Anderson enter into clinical studies partnership

Hackensack Meridian Health hospital nurses ratify labor deal

New Jersey bill aims to clarify out-of-network billing rules: 5 things to know

New Jersey law allows hospital fee to fund services for Medicaid patients

PENNSYLVANIA

UPMC hospital to face class-action suit over improperly cleaned equipment

Penn Medicine Named to ‘Most Wired’ List for 6th Year in a Row

Wilmington Hospital completes $7.5M behavioral health unit renovation

Physician shortage

With merger, another central Pa. hospital system gets bigger

Q&A: Geisinger’s CEO talks leadership, Amazon and his ideal healthcare system

Proposal would increase seniors’ access to telemedicine

New AHN hospital in Hempfield to include cancer center

2 Pennsylvania hospitals plan multimillion dollar expansions before UPMC-Highmark split

Pennsylvania hospital closes maternity unit

Geisinger CEO Dr. David Feinberg heads to Google

Pennsylvania medical center will be profitable in November, Americore Health CEO says

VIRGINIA

Shuttered Virginia hospital plans to reopen Dec. 27

Rural Virginia county hopes, after years, to reopen hospital
Focused Ultrasound Foundation helps startups find investment and expertise

WEST VIRGINIA

- Mon Health’s new CEO marks first month on the job, looks to the future
- County commission responds to Board of Health president resignation
- Catherine Slemp named interim West Virginia health officer

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- UnityPoint Health – Marshalltown to close ICU, cafe after $7 million loss year
- New helipad passes test at hospital in Osage
- Marshalltown hospital closing intensive care unit
- Aiming to save more than 100 jobs, former employee buys Larchwood vaccine company
- Report: Opioid overdose deaths declined in Iowa

KANSAS

- Via Christi buys into Derby Hospital
- Saint Luke's Health System joins KHIN Health Information Exchange
- One year in, KU Health has stopped the (figurative) bleeding at Topeka hospital
- Francis Hospital balance sheet out of the red in first year under new owners
- Kansas nursing homes improve on overusing sedatives, but Missouri now among the worst
- Hillsboro Community Hospital CEO to retire

MINNESOTA

- Allina Health expands, upgrades around Uptown
- Children's Minnesota behind on billing
- Mayo Clinic uses telemedicine in ambulances to assess stroke patients
- MU Health CEO says talks with SSM Health 'moving in very positive direction'
- Medibio names medical-device veteran Kaysen CEO
- Med-tech company NeoChord raises $25M for heart device
- Regions Hospital starts construction of new birth center

MISSOURI

- Former St. Elizabeth's CEO takes post in St. Louis
- Louis hospital names new CEO
- Saint Luke's Health System joins KHIN Health Information Exchange
Lake Regional Health System, MU Health Care partner for shared Cerner EHR services

MU Health Care CEO says talks with SSM Health 'moving in very positive direction'

Kindred Hospital names former St. Elizabeth's executive as CEO

Kansas nursing homes improve on overusing sedatives, but Missouri now among the worst

Ascension’s CEO reflects on company's biggest decision

Developers pour $500 million into nursing home construction: Gallery

NEBRASKA

$91.5K grant to UNMC College of Nursing program aimed at growing geriatric, dementia services in Panhandle

Faith Regional CEO Ready For Next Chapter

Nebraska voters approve ballot measure to expand Medicaid health care coverage to estimated 90K low-income residents

Syracuse Area Health celebrates opening

New hires' initiative aims at enhancing brain tumor care, research in Nebraska

SOUTH DAKOTA

Grand Opening at Regional Hospital

As opioid epidemic sweeps the nation, drug abuse rises in South Dakota

New hospital cafeteria takes hospital food to a new level

One clinic in the Black Hills takes a stance on the opioid epidemic

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

Advocate Aurora Health stresses communication, development among employees

State approves $98 million expansion for Advocate South Suburban Hospital

Former St. Elizabeth’s CEO takes post in St. Louis

Chicago plumbers union taps Cerner to operate health center

A look inside ‘old’ Cook County Hospital’s $145M facelift

Cook County Health and Hospitals System CEO Dr. John Jay Shannon on the importance of strong teams

INDIANA

Hospital getting new medical records system

AG Curtis Hill And Federal Authorities Announce $5.1M Settlement With Dental Firms

Franciscan Health Selects Director For Women & Children’s Services

Hoosier Hospitals Named ‘Most Wired’

Millions Awarded to IU Cancer Researchers
Lilly, Maryland Company Ink $40M Partnership
Rehab Medical Acquires Oklahoma Company
High Tech Telehealth Comes to Vermillion County
Diagnostics Developer Plans Indy HQ Expansion, Jobs

KENTUCKY
Frankfort Regional Medical Center announces new CEO
The Bluegrass region’s healthcare giants are still growing and getting bigger
Cardiologist sentenced to prison for implanting unnecessary pacemakers, healthcare fraud
UK HealthCare, Lexington Clinic partner to enhance cancer care
How a UK HealthCare, Lexington Clinic alliance on cancer care might affect you
Mercy Health-Reidland Medical Center groundbreaking held
UK’s Markey Center hits major milestone for personalized medicine consortium
Passport saved millions through partnership with Louisville startup — here’s how
Humana CEO: ‘Breaking down silos, empowering associates’ key to 3Q success
Humana earnings top analysts’ estimates
2 KentuckyOne Health execs to depart, including interim CEO

MICHIGAN
Shrinking reimbursement forces Michigan hospital to close home health unit, CEO says
Beaumont to build new $40 million mental health hospital in Dearborn
Children’s Hospital completes $155M new hospital facilities
Three Rivers Health selects permanent CEO
$40M mental health hospital planned for suburban Detroit
University Physician Group files for bankruptcy reorganization

OHIO
Longtime leader Bill Considine steps down, President Grace Wakulchik assumes helm
Mercy Health-Allen Hospital names new president
Grace Wakulchik takes helm at Akron Children’s
Summa Health to continue outpatient services at Wadsworth facility
New $27M Dayton rehab hospital is the latest area project for Premier Health
E’s Youngstown ER busier after Northside closure
Northeast Ohio hospitals are seeing benefits of CMS program
OhioHealth plans to buy vacant building next to Dublin Methodist Hospital
Cardinal Health seats first independent chairman
Medical center lands biggest grant ever to treat patients
Patient safety scores dip for some Greater Cincinnati hospitals
Doctor group set to open $3.5M building
Hospital mum on 96-acre purchase

WISCONSIN
CMS OKs Wisconsin Medicaid work requirements: 3 things to know
Advocate Aurora Health stresses communication, development among employees
UW Health hires new leader for Madison hospitals
UW Health to build $255M specialty clinic
Nursing facility poised to get new operator
Report: Metro Milwaukee health care prices are fourth highest in nation

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

ALABAMA
Alabama passed midwifery legislation a year ago. Why haven't midwives started practicing yet?
Brookwood Baptist Medical Center CEO leaving at the end of 2018
UAB, HudsonAlpha launching genetics opportunity for HBCU students
UAB receives massive grant for Alzheimer’s investigation
Shelby Baptist Medical Center names Megan Drake COO

FLORIDA
Major technology upgrade coming to Orange Park Medical Center
The Villages Regional Hospital turns to consultants to help cut ER wait times
Florida Hospital breaks ground on Oviedo freestanding ER
Is your ASC in Florida? Watch out for hackers — Q3 report reveals states with most breaches
HCA merges 2 Florida hospitals
Patient safety group gives Lee Health top marks, downgrades NCH hospitals in Collier
Lee Health's kidney transplant program to permanently shut down
South Florida health network recruits Newcomer as CEO
See how Orlando-area hospitals ranked for safety in fall 2018
Discolored surgical tools delay operations at Florida hospital
Florida hospital to reopen after hurricane damage
GEORGIA
- Piedmont Healthcare breaks ground on new orthopedics & sports medicine facility
- Georgia-Based Healthcare Network Embraces Nuance Tech for Clinical Dictation
- Grady Health System Named 2018 CHIME HealthCare's Most Wired Recipient

MISSISSIPPI
- University of Mississippi Medical Center removes CEO
- CEO of UMMC adult hospitals is out after two years

NORTH CAROLINA
- Hospital CEO to serve as interim UNC system president
- Hospital systems earn ‘Most Wired’ designation
- North Carolina hospitals, physicians challenge changes to payments for state workers' healthcare
- CareChex joins crowded field of health care system rankings
- North Carolina faces hospital fight trying new tack to set healthcare payments
- Atrium Health, other providers compete for operating rooms in Mecklenburg County
- New Duke center will mix big data and health care
- Atrium Health officially comes to Cleveland County
- ARMC recognized for quality in several areas
- North Carolina proposes setting hospital payments for state employees on Medicare rates
- UNC REX Named One of the Nation’s Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals by IBM Watson Health
- Charlotte’s Premier to acquire Stanson Health for over $51M
- Aetna, Triad Healthcare Network bring accountable care product to Triad
- Triad plastic surgery center giving space a face-lift
- Cone Health appoints chief academic officer

SOUTH CAROLINA
- Palmetto Health opens new surgical trauma unit
- Citadel Mall redevelopment progressing
- BCBS of South Carolina to lay off 244 employees

TENNESSEE
- West Memphis hospital ready to open its doors
- HCA wins $150M in arbitration case
- Complaint alleges Tennessee hospital ignored NICU safety, staffing concerns
- Patel to take over health IT helm at Vanderbilt
Saint Thomas Medical Partners opens in Gallatin
Quorum Health sees net loss double, plans to divest or close hospitals
Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare sees net income drop 19%

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST
(Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

ARKANSAS
- Annual Arkansas Poll Suggests Healthcare Is The State's Main Concern Over The Economy
- Baptist Health Acquires 2 More Hospitals
- Baptist Health Acquires Sparks Health Systems in Western Arkansas
- Siloam Springs Regional Hospital names CEO

ARIZONA
- Phoenix Children's Hospital Boosts Supply Chain Impact on Patient Care Through New Medline Prime Vendor Distribution Agreement
- Banner Health talks Urgent Care vs. ER
- Banner Health’s 16-story hospital tower near downtown Phoenix set to open Nov. 6
- New report: Arizona healthcare costs lower than national average
- Tucson Medical Center is first Southern Arizona hospital to launch phone app for doctor visits
- Oscar Health to hire 400 in Arizona

LOUISIANA
- Tulane medical students will care for Children's Hospital patients starting in 2019
- Ochsner brings new healthcare experience to Louisiana with virtual visits
- New emergency room at Acadia General Hospital set to open this week
- Promise Hospital of Baton Rouge files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Promise Healthcare, Louisiana subsidiaries file for bankruptcy, plan to sell assets or reorganize by April
- Ochsner Health System debuts direct-to-consumer telehealth service for urgent care
- Hospital foundation head fired after embezzlement probe

NEW MEXICO
- Lovelace Health System acquires state’s largest private cardiology practice
- Local health care co. adding on to ABQ hospital

OKLAHOMA
- Norman has numerous healthcare facilities
- Mercy to end hospital lease with El Reno; Plan to build new outpatient facility underway
- Rehab Medical Acquires Oklahoma Company
TEXAS

- Dallas County Ranks 54th in Texas for Health Outcomes
- Another growth market? Dallas emerges as a hub for health care staffing and services
- How to get your hospital shut down: the bizarre, slow downfall of the most expensive hospital in Texas
- McCarthy Completes Build-Out of Texas Children's Specialty Care Austin
- Why Dallas' 66-bed Promise Hospital is staying open after parent company's bankruptcy
- Hospital Hires Slow, but Healthcare Services Are Growing
- Tenet's net loss shrinks amid $250M cost-cutting drive
- Texas County Memorial Hospital earns 1st OK for proposal to fund surgery center — 4 details
- Cigna seeks $954K from Texas hospital after questionable billing practices uncovered
- How Children’s Health System of Texas Is Improving Care with Design Thinking
- North Texas is Home to Five of the ‘Most Wired’ Health Systems in the Country
- Texas receives $2.6 million in response to opioid epidemic

NORTHWEST


ALASKA

- Bristol Bay tribes call for significant changes in Dillingham hospital leadership
- Anchorage plans development options for hospital site
- Southcentral Foundation helping lead study on precision medicine

IDAHO

- A Winning Idea: Medicaid Expansion Prevails In Idaho, Nebraska And Utah
- ISU physical therapy program offers high-tech distance learning options
- Boise sues drugmakers over opioid epidemic

MONTANA

- Retired neurosurgeon makes $5M donation to Montana hospital
- Health policy centerpiece in battle for Montana’s U.S. Senate seat

OREGON

- Adventist Health Home Care Services to lay off 92 employees
- State recommends Unity Center maintain Medicaid reimbursement status after addressing safety problems
- OHSU's treating more patients. Here's why.
- PeaceHealth accused of overbilling Medicare patients

WASHINGTON
Virginia Mason Medical Center Honored As ‘Most Wired’ For Seventh Straight Year

Spokane’s two medical schools draw more new docs to Eastern Washington

Seattle Children’s gets $20M gift from former Microsoft CEO

Car crashes into Seattle hospital’s lobby

Olympic Medical Center CEO elected chair of WSHA Board

Olympic Medical Center to join AHA lawsuit against Medicare cuts

Western State Hospital workers say they have ‘no confidence’ in nursing administration

WYOMING

Physician surgery center investors running for hospital board fight objections — 6 insights

Wyoming Medical Center wins national award for heart care

State encourages doctors, hospitals to provide free care

Wyoming joins hundreds of lawsuits against opioids

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

Stanford Children’s Health selects new president and CEO

Spending on California ballot initiatives over hospital charges exceeds $7M

California hospital names interim CEO amid investigation into leadership

Anchor Health Properties acquires 2 California medical office buildings

Mammoth Hospital in California hires new CEO

New report: Costs for healthcare services vary widely across California metros

Rural California hospital claims Anthem hasn’t raised rates in 9 of past 12 years

California voters back $1.5B bond initiative to upgrade children’s hospitals

While healthcare use falls in Colorado, prices push costs higher, report says

Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford’s new CEO is Paul King

COLORADO

Kaiser Permanente Colorado lays off 200 workers to “address redundancies”

Thomas More Hospital celebrates 80 years of health and healing

BV hospitals embrace new leadership

UCHealth names chief nursing officers at Poudre Valley, Greeley hospitals

Tender Care Pediatrics subleases large space on Boeing Drive

Costs, patient education, staffing remain concerns in BV healthcare
Encision posts flat earnings per share as net income falls year-over-year

DaVita HealthCare: 3Q Earnings Snapshot

NEVADA

- More Nevada hospitals earn top marks on patient safety
- Six Las Vegas medical professionals receive awards
- Hospital plan for profitability
- Rosen announces 2 grants to improve Nevada healthcare

UTAH

- A Winning Idea: Medicaid Expansion Prevails In Idaho, Nebraska And Utah