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NATIONAL

- Why hospitals’ future will involve keeping people from showing up
- GAO: Advantages of Voluntary and Mandatory Bundled Payments
- Study: Hospitals dramatically increase ad spend following data breaches
- Study finds freestanding EDs charge more than urgent care centers
- Stephen Klasko: Hospitals of the future won’t look the same
- Why some nonprofit hospitals are turning to patients for donations
- Seattle start-up is building the Amazon Prime of primary care with $86 million in backing from Larry Fink and other big names
- Pharma trade group drafts counterproposal to CMS pricing of Medicare drugs
- More Hospitals Sue HHS Over Outpatient Site-Neutral Payments
- Community hospitals link arms with prestigious facilities to raise their profiles
- AMIA, other groups join call to ease EHR burdens
- How industry groups line up on HHS plan to cut doc, reg burdens
- Physicians ask Senate Finance Committee to address kickbacks, other factors driving up drug costs
- Top 2019 Pharma and Biotech Trends to Watch
- 3 patient status rules you must understand to get paid correctly
- Looking to slash hospital supply chain costs? Centralizing operations is one way to do it
- Deputy HHS Secretary Hargan talks Stark Law, kickbacks
- What healthcare can expect from blockchain in 2019
- New details on Amazon-Berkshire-JPMorgan health venture emerge
- Emergency physicians propose 6-point plan to end balance billing
- CMS launches app to outline services covered under Medicare

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- DPH Fines Nursing Homes For Lapses In Care; Two Cases Involved Deaths
- Report: 2 dead from lapses in care at CT nursing homes
- Cityblock to expand to Connecticut
Sharon Hospital names interim president; search continues for permanent leader
Johnson Memorial Hospital receives certification for stroke care
Six CT Nursing Homes Cited Following Fatalities

MAINE
Feds giving more than $2M to boost northern Maine health
MaineHealth enters $400M 10-year contract with supply chain vendor
Maine hospital files for bankruptcy
Mayo Regional Hospital closing clinic due to physician shortage
Mayo Hospital to close Guilford clinic in April
Maine plans big Medicaid expansion push this week
MaineHealth Building Best-in-Class Supply Chain to Further Enhance Patient Care Through New Prime Vendor Distribution Agreement
Hospital Owes up to $10 Million to Nearly 900 Creditors

MASSACHUSETTS
Dana-Farber team awarded $25 million for cancer research
Massachusetts governor proposes price negotiation to rein in drug costs
Nursing homes throughout Mass. face ‘colossal collapse’ from Medicaid shortfall
Partners HealthCare CEO David Torchiana to Leave in Spring 2019
UMass Memorial opens new Emergency Department in Leominster
Massachusetts General Hospital To Construct New Clinical Care Building
South Shore Health System gets $2.4 million behavioral needs grant

NEW HAMPSHIRE
What Does The Rise In Hospital Mergers Mean For N.H.?
CMC, Dartmouth-Hitchcock to combine, but keep separate identities
As N.H. hospitals combine forces, some wonder if more state oversight is needed
H. Hospital Deal Part of New Reality
HCA to expand footprint in New Hampshire
MCH exploring partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health
HCA deal could help Frisbie boost emergency care, hospital official says
H. Hospital Deal Part of New Reality
New Hampshire’s price transparency website helped patients save money

NEW YORK
White Plains Hospital planning $15.4M pediatric center within hospital
Health care is the biggest employer in WNY. Here are six trends for 2019.

- Cityblock to expand to Connecticut
- The new Parsley Health Center in NYC doesn’t feel like a doctor’s office
- Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital gets new director
- New York City woman sues hospital after reported confusion over end of life support
- New York hospital lays off 25 employees
- Northwell Health upgrades labor-delivery unit at North Shore University Hospital
- NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital expands virtual care with Philips
- See Upstate NY hospitals with best, worst infection rates
- One of America’s biggest hospitals invests in the meal-delivery space
- New York City's healthcare-for-all collides with hospital woes
- Zocdoc to begin charging NY doctors per booking
- NewYork-Presbyterian CIO Daniel Barchi on the strategic initiative he'll tackle in 2019

RHODE ISLAND

- Physicians subpoenaed in Rhode Island, allegedly after reporting EHR risks
- Home Health & Hospice Care of Nursing Placement acquires Consistent Care Corp.
- Wood River Health Services names Croke president, CEO

VERMONT

- U of Vermont Medical Center chief to retire in June
- Vermont hospital backtracks on questionable bills

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELWARE

- Nanticoke, PRMC hospital systems say merger will result in enhanced, coordinated services
- Nanticoke Health Services to affiliate with Peninsula Regional Health System
- 5 Delaware health insurers hit in data breach

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Johns Hopkins University buys Newseum building to consolidate D.C. presence
- Whitman-Walker 14th Street project to deliver in June — with a new name
- Dozens criticize D.C.’s response to opioid crisis at council hearing
- Corner Office: MedStar CMO Dr. Stephen Evans on the privilege of offering care

MARYLAND
Hospital’s Telehealth Program Reduces ER Visits, Treatment Costs
Kass expanded cancer treatment in Washington County
University of Maryland Medical System taps chief marketing and communications officer
Health Dept. nurses to get pay boost to help cure staffing shortage
SentryHealth signs distribution deal with Johns Hopkins HealthCare
Adventist HealthCare expanding outpatient presence with $404M hospital
Nanticoke Health Services to affiliate with Peninsula Regional Health System

NEW JERSEY
Inspira Health recognized for role in tackling homelessness
Hackensack Meridian Health funds new technology to reduce hospital-acquired infections
Struggling hospital gets new name, new future after state OK’s $3M sale to non-profit

PENNSYLVANIA
Bucks County medical device company launches second knee pain treatment
Oak Street Health opens seventh Philadelphia-area primary care center
Penn Medicine starts program to keep workers healthy and save on costs
As Highmark and UPMC break last ties, will Pennsylvania’s attorney general step in?
Indiana hospital, nurses trade barbs
Ellwood City hospital workers paid remainder of wages
Pennsylvania’s Nursing Crisis
Opioid use down for spine surgery patients with new Penn program
Proposed Pa. medical malpractice lawsuit change raises concerns about venue shopping
Wilkes-Barre General nurses seek city’s support in ongoing contract negotiations
CHOP opens first food pharmacy for patient families in West Philadelphia
Hahnemann, St. Christopher’s nurses approve 3-year deal
Stephen Klasko: Hospitals of the future won’t look the same
BioTelemetry agrees to buy California-based medical device company for $65M
Is the deck stacked against patients? Fight over medical malpractice lawsuits returns to Pa.
UPMC, website CEO agree: Hospital price list lacks value
Pennsylvania health system consolidates spine, orthopedic services under one roof
Nurses, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital reach tentative deal
Jefferson to test British company’s augmented intelligence technology
Pennsylvania hospital ends fight for $5M in Medicare reimbursement
Temple making leadership changes at health system & hospital
Conemaugh Health System opens radiation oncology center
UPMC-Highmark insurance decree to end this year
Philadelphia International Medicine signs deal with Panama clinic

VIRGINIA

Richmond, Virginia, has $500M+ of hospital projects planned or under construction
Medtronic launches new spinal robot in US, 1st procedures performed in Virginia & Kentucky
UVa suing over federal hospital rule on Medicare rates
bill could enforce penalty for threatening healthcare providers: 'Right now the law is silent'
Virginia bill could enforce penalty for threatening healthcare providers
Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center Unveils New Rehab Facility
Lee County picks Ballad to reopen its hospital
Virginia hospital partners with Ballad Health to reopen

WEST VIRGINIA

New Medical Center opening in early 2020 in Spring Mills
New partnership giving West Virginians increased access to healthcare
WVU Medicine sees service, site expansions
Council approves hospital board deal
Valley Health celebrates groundbreaking for new Spring Mills medical building
CAMC to refinance bonds
Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital earns CON for ambulatory center
Princeton Community Hospital Association plans to build $75K ASC

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

Spencer Hospital reopens surgery center after fire
New director named for Hospice of North Iowa
U of Iowa Health Care reviews policy on parental access to adolescent health records
Feds fine county for Country View bed rails
Encompass Health to build its first hospital in Iowa
The quiet crisis at Iowa's flagship hospital
U of Iowa Health Care reviews policy on parental access to adolescent health records
Hospital board discusses IHA focus
Sanford Sheldon hospital pricing revealed

KANSAS
BioNexus KC names new CEO
AdventHealth to Begin Construction of New Hospital
Kansas pharmacy pays $9.5M to settle whistleblower lawsuit
KU Hospital Joins Medicare Rule Challenge
Examining two new health care CEOs
Kansas pharmacy to pay $9.5 million settlement in fraud case
Ascension Via Christi has agreement to operate Emergency Room at Fort Scott

MINNESOTA
Minnesota lawmakers propose $20 million to fight opioid epidemic
Beacon Specialized Living Services Expands Into Minnesota
Rural Minnesota sees more hospitals stop delivering babies
$3.1M coming to Minnesota from healthcare settlements
Renville County Hospital to explore partnerships
Missouri Telehealth Summit begins Thursday in Jefferson City
MU Health eyes cuts to boost profits
Minnesota rural mental health burden addressed by 2019 legislature
Optum sues former executive over role in Amazon's joint health venture

MISSOURI
Health Forward's CEO will retire
Louis center marks 500th heart transplant
CoxHealth CEO Voted Missouri Hospital Association Board Chair
Examining two new health care CEOs
Northland nursing & rehab facility under microscope after scathing federal survey
Children's Hospital, Wash U Heart Center marks 500th heart transplant
Looking to slash hospital supply chain costs? Centralizing operations is one way to do it
SSM Health names new mid-Missouri regional president
SSM Health hires new St. Mary's Hospital president
MU Health eyes cuts to boost profits

NEBRASKA
Nebraska Research Hospital To Launch MEDITECH EHR Implementation
Omaha hospital denies malpractice allegations
Timetable, Contents Of Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Still Uncertain
Nebraska hospital files complaint against neurosurgeon, plastic surgeon who allege wrongful suspension
Omaha hospital denies malpractice allegations
Children’s Hospital Files Counter Punch

NORTH DAKOTA
ND Lawmakers Amend Bill to Support Store-and-Forward Telemedicine
Sanford Health closing Fargo metro and region locations due to weather
North Dakota children's clinic director wins big award from CDC
CHI Mercy Health Employees Recognized for Dedicated Service

SOUTH DAKOTA
Noem proposes $5 million for nursing home Medicaid in South Dakota
South Dakota nursing home leaders warn of ‘statewide disaster’ without more funding

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

ILLINOIS
3 Central Illinois nursing homes, including Westminster, fined by state
Blessing Health System challenges Quincy Medical Group's ASC plans
Southern IL hospital buys new $3M machine for robotic surgery
Illinois hospital association to lose longest serving employee
Tenet sells 3 hospitals, exits Chicago market
Pipeline Health buys West Suburban Medical Center
Amita Health names 3 regional leaders, post-acute care officer
Advocate Aurora, Oak Street partner on Medicare-focused health center
Advocate Aurora joins health care systems in generic-drug venture
Loyola University Medical Center Names New President

INDIANA
Bauer named IU Health Fort Wayne president
Indianapolis-based hospital network looks to add hundreds of new employees
Franciscan Alliance Selects Research Administration Director
Is a new hospital on the north side necessary? Prove it, Indiana senator says
- Shortage of nurses meets shortage of educators, Indiana industry advocate says
- Lutheran Health Network CEO looking to hire CEO who won't replace him
- Indiana experts: New posting rules fail to help patients understand hospital prices
- Spero Health Names New Indiana Medical Director and Opens First Clinic in Indianapolis
- Vincent jobs uncertain ahead of sale in Indianapolis
- Hospitals Hope to Block New Construction Requirement
- Spero Health Names Medical Director
- Troubled Hacienda Healthcare hands over control to Indiana company
- IU Health Saxony Hospital appoints COO, CMO
- CHS’ Lutheran Health Network CEO to give up title in strategic move

**KENTUCKY**

- Opinion- Kentucky law stifles ambulance competition and hurts emergency care
- Passport’s finances being dragged down by $220M in ‘management fees’ to Evolent Health
- Kindred CEO Ben Breier on company’s changes
- Medtronic launches new spinal robot in US, 1st procedures performed in Virginia & Kentucky
- Larry Benz’ Confluent Health takes majority stake in physical therapy practice
- Louisville-area medical device company gets FDA breakthrough designation
- SentryHealth signs distribution deal with Johns Hopkins HealthCare
- Kentucky health plan may be insolvent by mid-2019, CEO says
- BG Internal Medicine planning move to downtown

**MICHIGAN**

- DMC cardiology residency program under scrutiny months after top leaders step down
- Two DMC hospitals fail follow-up inspections
- Physician group signs deal with health system
- Michigan hospital CEO ousted

**OHIO**

- Ohio Hospital Knew of Problems and Patients Kept Dying
- University Hospitals fertility clinic faces new lawsuits after tank failures
- After losing Medicaid benefits, Ohio hospital faces 2 options, including ASC conversion
- Ohio Hospital Acknowledges It Waited Too Long To Remove Doctor Who Ordered Excessive Doses Of Opioids That Were Fatal
- Five things you need to know today, and here’s Christ Hospital’s new boss
- Cleveland Clinic launches affiliation with California organization to advance cardiovascular care
Akron Children’s launches ad campaign
Expansion project underway at Highland District Hospital
More staff on leave as hospital reviews deaths, drug doses
Doc, hospital face 8 wrongful death suits over drug dosages
Kettering Health Network President Roy Chew to retire
Minoff Family makes visionary gift to University Hospitals
UC Health expands patient care in $22-million expansion
Greater Cincinnati health care firm details turnaround results
Genesis HealthCare says it will close 150-bed Marietta Center
University Hospitals renames Chagrin Highlands facility ‘UH Minoff Health Center’
OhioHealth sees ‘short stay’ units as cost-saving for patients

**WISCONSIN**

- Advocate Aurora Health to take full ownership of, rename Wisconsin medical center
- Access HealthNet raising $1.65 million
- EBSCO Health acquires Wisconsin-based company
- Advocate Aurora joins health care systems in generic-drug venture
- Advocate Aurora Health addresses report Foxconn is reconsidering Wisconsin plans

**SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

**ALABAMA**

- Decatur Morgan close to completing $50 million upgrades
- UAB awarded $3.25 million grant for HIV research

**FLORIDA**

- Joseph’s Hospital-South names president
- Value of hospital district’s portfolio drops $12.1 million in 2018
- AdventHealth hosts job hiring event to fill 170 Florida nursing positions
- Heart surgery technology developed at Baptist Health debuts after years of secrecy
- AdventHealth Orlando names new CEO
- Provider for autistic children pays $360K to settle fraud allegations
- Orlando Skilled Nursing Facility, Executives to Pay $1.5M to Resolve Federal Kickback Allegations
- Cano Health Extends Florida Footprint, Celebrates 25th Location
- Lee Health receiving $3.7 million for Hurricane Irma-related costs
NCH board accepts resignations of CEO Allen Weiss, Chief of Staff Kevin Cooper

Ex-Florida hospital director admits role in $1B fraud scheme

Central Florida Health breaks ground on ER in Wildwood

Ex-Florida hospital CEO's decisions should be reviewed, local paper says

Tampa General Hospital highlights partnerships amid mixed financial results

Ex-CEO gets 46 months in prison for defrauding Florida hospital

Florida hospital district loses $12.1M on investments

Shriners Hospital in Tampa plans to end inpatient care, shed jobs

Baptist Health South Florida buys Coral Gables property

Citrus Memorial Hospital expands baby delivery and women's care

Broward Health taps new CFO

GEORGIA

The Jolt: Georgia could model a larger Medicaid program after Indiana’s

Monroe County Hospital gets second chance with renovations after threats of closing

Samsky family pledges $11M gift to Piedmont Heart

The net cost of Medicaid expansion in Georgia: About $200M a year by 2022

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi Medicaid won’t seek midyear infusion of money

BCBS of Mississippi to stop paying for care it deems nonemergent

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NORTH CAROLINA

Hospital board of directors removes CEO

40+ Novant physicians to join Tennessee medical group

New president takes helm at Vidant Edgecombe Hospital

HCA Healthcare CEO: Mission acquisition will add to company's 'already strong portfolio'

North Carolina Department of Health denies 3 out of 5 ASC projects, despite demand

Novant Health Brunswick tucks in new sleep center

How Nash UNC Health Care addressed a record-high RN vacancy rate

SHCS set to launch comprehensive IT platform

Elkin hospital earns two awards

SOUTH CAROLINA

MUSC wants to spend up to $137 million on 4 hospitals
Roper Health selects new blood provider
South Carolina hospital offers new procedure for patients with kidney disease
Hospital sale means loss of tax revenue in Florence County
South Carolina system to pay up to $137M for 4 CHS hospitals
Medical University of South Carolina set $137 million price cap for 4-hospital deal with CHS
Phishing Attack On Roper St. Francis Healthcare

TENNESSEE
Study reveals one driving force behind Nashville's health care deal craze
Keith Gray named new chief medical officer for UT Medical Center
40+ Novant physicians to join Tennessee medical group
‘Nationally renowned’ physicians to lead new cardiac institute
Tennessee insurers seek to improve provider data
HCA revenues top $12.2B, admissions continue to rise
HCA's new CEO: There are opportunities for ‘sizable acquisitions'
HCA Healthcare CEO: Mission acquisition will add to company's 'already strong portfolio'
New emergency room readying for mental health patients
One man's promise led to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
Spero Health Names New Indiana Medical Director and Opens First Clinic in Indianapolis
Erlanger Health System bounces back in second quarter
Memphis Clinic Ordered to Pay $3.2M On Kickback Allegations
Tennessee hospital to close, lay off 146

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

ARKANSAS
Baptist Health names new CFO
Arkansas mental health provider announces layoffs
Report: Hospitals make $5.5 billion impact on state
Arkansas Surgical Hospital opens new clinic in Conway
Director of Arkansas' health insurance marketplace to step down
Review Finds More Cases Handled by Impaired Pathologist
Focused on affordability, PBMs hold drugmakers accountable for consumers
De Queen Medical Center faces financial difficulties
California Firm Buys Cardinal Health Center for $7M
State Medicaid division director moved to new job

ARIZONA
Abrazo West Campus’ new CEO is Christina Oh
Northern Arizona Healthcare to enact new strategic plan
Arizona hospital seeks to fill positions ahead of spring opening
Arizona mental health providers owed millions in claims
Arizona facility where patient in vegetative state gave birth has history of state protection
Banner Health taps Dignity executive as CIO
CMS Approves Arizona Medicaid Community Engagement Requirement
Troubled Hacienda Healthcare hands over control to Indiana company

LOUISIANA
Pat Brister announces for 3rd term as St. Tammany Parish president
Louisiana hospital installs robotic microscope technology for neurosurgery
University Medical Center begins search for new CEO
LCMC Health taps market CEO

NEW MEXICO
Panel adds time frame to New Mexico aid-in-dying bill
Local hospital one of first to roll out new, innovative procedure
Aid-in-dying bill builds support in New Mexico Legislature
WNMU Partners With HMS To Formally Train Community Health Workers
NMBio taps new president

OKLAHOMA
Keeling appointed VP at Saint Francis
Woman Dies Following Assault at Oklahoma City Nursing Center
Nutex Health Announces Oklahoma ER & Hospital’s Grand Opening
GOP open to Medicaid expansion

TEXAS
Nonprofit hospitals make lots of profit in D-FW — and don’t pay much in taxes
Two New Benzer Pharmacy Franchises to Fortify Texas Stronghold
Texas Plans $320 Million Psychiatric Hospital in San Antonio
Texas Health Resources to lay off more than 700
Texas Medical Association covers pressing healthcare issues
Carrus Hospital planning mental health facility
Nacogdoches Medical Center NCO retires after 43 years in health care
Lawsuit alleges age discrimination at Texas Children's Hospital
Memorial Hermann Katy expands pediatric emergency center hours to 24/7
Rosanna Morris named chief operating officer at MD Anderson
Local Surgery Management Company Expands with Colorado Partnership
Data breach at Texas orthopedic practice impacts 76,000 patients
Study finds freestanding EDs charge more than urgent care centers
Parkland Joins National Cooperative to Reduce the Healthcare Divide
Austin State Hospital redevelopment plans released, await funding
CHI Texas Division’s new COO is Liz Youngblood
Tenet sells 3 hospitals, exits Chicago market
Coryell Memorial Hospital files complaint against contractor, insurance company
Cuero Regional Hospital adds telehealth cardiology consults
MRI center opens its doors in Waco
Job cuts at Dallas-Fort Worth hospitals may signal tougher times to come
California-based Pipeline Health expands in Dallas area, buys 22 stand-alone emergency rooms
Holmes Murphy Looks to Expand to Houston and Central Texas With Healthcare Exec
CHI St. Joseph partners with Texas A&M to help rural areas receive better healthcare coverage
Medistar planning 48-story tower in Med Center
Texas Children’s Hospital Expands Partnership with Omnicell

**NORTHWEST**

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

**ALASKA**

- Mat-Su Regional expands services, adds local jobs
- Alaska hospital retains Medicare contract after CMS threat to revoke it
- State sues second opioid manufacturer

**IDAHO**

- New assisted living facility coming to Idaho Falls
- Bill easing licensing rules to address physician shortage headed to the House
- Two join, two promoted at St. Luke’s Health Foundation
Idaho health and welfare agency seeks $3.2 billion budget

New Idaho H&W Chief: 'Many people have asked me why I took this job'

House Health & Welfare approves bill easing pharmaceutical regulations

Next up in Idaho Medicaid expansion, a ruling from the state Supreme Court

Saint Alphonsus Health CEO on price transparency: 'We do not view patients as consumers or shoppers'

MONTANA

Two new unions take strides toward forming at St. James Rocky Mountain Clinic

Montana lawmakers to take up physician-assisted suicide ban

After new federal rule, Montana hospitals providing easier access to price information

Butte nurses union gets closer to finalization

Peter’s Health CEO answers questions, shares progress at community forum

OREGON

Split in Salem health care industry leads to major insurance changes

Oregon Health Authority says $42M in overpayments recovered

Oregon Could Become the First State to Offer Universal Home Health Visits to New Parents

Oregon Health Authority says it recovered overpayments to insurance coordinators

Oregon Legislature 2019: Health care bills are rolling in

Oregon bill gives consumers ownership of health info

Oregon lawmakers introduce bill to pay patients for health data

New COO to join PeaceHealth Oregon in March

Samaritan Health Services lays off dozens of Oregon home health, hospice workers

WASHINGTON

Seattle start-up is building the Amazon Prime of primary care with $86 million in backing from Larry Fink and other big names

Seattle startup raises cash for app that gives patients control of their medical records

WYOMING

Castle Rock Hospital District Castle Rock Medical Center starts off strong

Banner Health Invests $60,000 for EWC Nursing Program

Bill would put work requirements on some Medicaid recipients

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

Zuckerberg hospital slashes $20,243 ER bill to $200 after media coverage
Barton Health nurses grant labor negotiators authority to call for strike
Sonoma Valley Hospital facing national, local financial challenges
Cleveland Clinic launches affiliation with California organization to advance cardiovascular care
2 California hospitals face closure if sale delayed
Transparent Hospital Pricing Exposes Wild Fluctuation, Even Within Miles
BioTelemetry agrees to buy California-based medical device company for $65M
California hospital revenue, profitability rose under ACA, Medicaid expansion
Riverside Community Hospital’s president will retire in April after 9 years
Pipeline Health buys West Suburban Medical Center
UnitedHealth faces $91M fine after California supreme court lets ruling stand
California Attorney General And Santa Clara County Face Off Over Sale Of Two Hospitals
California Hospital Medical Center begins $215M expansion
Rural California hospital ‘defying gravity’ as it changes strategy to survive
California-based Pipeline Health expands in Dallas area, buys 22 stand-alone emergency rooms
South Okanagan town wants answers to emergency room staffing issues
LA Care awards $3.6M for physician recruitment
The Latest: California hospital denies dumping patient
Board fires California hospital CEO months after renewing contract

COLORADO
Denver-based DispatchHealth expands high-acuity home care service
New Colorado Plains Medical Center CEO gives first report to Fort Morgan Community Hospital Association
Local Surgery Management Company Expands with Colorado Partnership
As the overdose epidemic in Colorado continues, hospitals are taking a new step to dramatically reduce opioid prescriptions
State looks to expand opioid treatment centers, but not in Southwest Colorado
Mercy Regional Medical Center eliminates management positions
Colorado hospital uses ‘virtual sitters’ to prevent patient falls
New medical building to open

HAWAII
Simple HER tool creates 3 benefits for Queen's Health Systems

NEVADA
Emergency room off Las Vegas Strip makes waves with new business model
Las Vegas hospital ordered to pay nearly $43M to family of dead woman
Centennial Hospital in Las Vegas expanding with 5-story tower

Dignity Health awards more than $350K to 8 local organizations

New NICU opens at Mountain View hospital

**UTAH**

- Intermountain Healthcare and startup MDClone launch data-focused collaboration
- Alta View Hospital Campus Expansion Grand Opening
- Patients move to the new Pedersen Patient Tower at Utah Valley Hospital
- Steward Health Care selects president of Utah region
- Utah Outpacing Nation in Health Care Innovation, Cambia Grove Report Finds