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- How to make healthcare more like Amazon? It comes down to data and payer-provider collaboration
- How hospitals will handle outpatient competition & disruption in 2019
- White House reportedly reviewing final rule to reverse nursing home arbitration ban
- CMS Lifts Moratoria on Home Health After 5 Years
- Amazon's PillPack secures more state licenses, could be eyeing national rollout
- Slack is setting itself up for the $3.5 trillion health-care sector
- Hospitals sparked industry job growth in January
- Trump administration to eliminate safe harbors for drug rebates to PBMs
- Mitt Romney to hold closed-door meeting with pharma CEOs
- Amazon-led health venture hires technology chief to work under Gawande
- Rural hospitals face growing sustainability threats on multiple fronts, AHA says
- Trump’s State of the Union address: 3 healthcare takeaways
- Only 33% of healthcare quality professionals say all staff is trained on quality
- Zurik: HHS Secretary says ‘revolutionary’ changes to come for drug prices
- AMGA: Full MACRA Implementation Needed to Advance Value-Based Care
- AHA: 19 persistent, recent, emergent challenges in rural hospitals
- Google might be building an EHR: 4 notes
- AMGA calls on Congress to end MIPS exclusions
- Joint Commission launches new "Step Up" campaign to prevent infection

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Hospital tax poses challenge for first Lamont budget
- 3 lessons from UConn Health’s journey to patient-centric billing
- of St. Joseph gets $64,000 grant for biomedical research

MAINE

- Mayo Regional Hospital to close primary care office
Maine health system struggles with EMS worker shortage
Maine hospital owes at least $8M to 878 creditors
Lincoln hospital will keep operating despite $10M in debts
Rural hospitals face many challenges in Maine and across the country
Bill calls for 4 mental health centers to be alternative to emergency rooms
Patients group wants new owners for troubled Maine hospital

MASSACHUSETTS
Baystate Health's plan for new psychiatric hospital raises questions, hopes
Partners Healthcare reports $463M loss in Q1
With CEO’s exit, Partners HealthCare faces crucial decisions
Baystate Health to build new mental health hospital; no site chosen yet
With CEO’s exit, Partners HealthCare faces crucial decisions
Cape Cod Hospital joins oncology collaborative
CEO Dr. David Torchiana’s abrupt exit leaves Partners at crossroads
Nurses move forward with union, prepare to negotiate at St. Luke’s
Walgreens pays nearly $2M to settle claims with MassHealth
Massachusetts nurses union vote upheld

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Frisbie Hospital touts benefits of joining HCA
New Hampshire hospital installs 7D Surgical spinal platform
Elliot Health System taps COO
Elliot’s new COO is a familiar face
DHHS to reconsider York Hospital rehab center’s approval
Former DHMC executive intern Valley Regional CEO
Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont names interim CEO

NEW YORK
Annum Health abruptly ends operations
How Mount Sinai Health System is reducing long-term IT costs
New York HIEs merge to double down on data sharing
Hospital for Special Surgery leads U.S. sports safety efforts
Schenectady hospital proposes building $1.4 million pharmacy
New York-Presbyterian earns prestigious nursing award
HealtheConnections, HealthlinkNY make plans to combine
Buffalo nursing home's owners have record of problems
Massena Memorial Hospital physicians asking for more involvement in affiliation process
NY to invest $204M on 95 health care projects
Englewood Health raises minimum wage to $15
Clifton-Fine Hospital drops 'interim' from CEO Dierdra Sorrell's title
South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside appoints Long Beach resident as chief nursing officer
Hudson Valley health care providers getting $24M in state aid
Syracuse hospital moving 73 jobs to the Midwest
Massena Memorial Hospital not among healthcare facilities receiving grant funding
NewYork-Presbyterian working on machine learning analytics to combat opioid crisis
New York hospital mishandled complaints about physician, CMS finds

RHODE ISLAND
Rhode Island has regulations to curb the cost of health care — and they work
Southcoast Health opens Middletown urgent care center
Rhode Island governor's order seeks to rein in healthcare costs

VERMONT
John Powell: UVM Health Network is a national leader in new model
UVM Medical Center studying effectiveness of opioid treatment in ER
Vermont health system cuts jobs, wages to stay afloat
Springfield Hospital sheds 27 positions as cost-cutting begins
State gives $800,000 to struggling Springfield Hospital
SVMC laboratory re-accredited
Greenway to Pay $57.25M for False EHR Certification Allegations

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

DELAWARE
This is why Nanticoke is affiliating with a Salisbury health system
Nanticoke Health Services plans to join Peninsula Regional Health System
Delaware continues focus on trauma-informed practices
Bayhealth Sussex Campus in Milford will open on Feb. 5
Christiana Care to take space at Avenue North complex
Bayhealth Sussex opens, Milford Memorial closes

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- MedStar calls on lawmakers to make EHR usability a priority
- Providence wants urgent care center for DC campus
- MBRE Healthcare Opens East Coast Regional Office in Washington, D.C. Area
- Providence cuts causing ‘dramatic increase’ in MedStar Washington Hospital Center volume

MARYLAND

- ACA suit that also challenged Whitaker is dismissed
- Maryland upgrades prescription drug monitoring platform
- Nanticoke Health Services plans to join Peninsula Regional Health System
- Anne Arundel Medical Center moves toward cardio-informed women's care
- The value of physician builders + compensation models: Q&A with Peninsula Regional Medical Center CMIO Dr. Mark Weisman
- Baltimore Washington Medical Center turns major surgery for silent killer into needle pricks
- New All-Private Room Hospital To Open In White Oak On Aug. 25
- UMB, Partners Launch Mobile Integrated Health – Community Paramedicine Program

NEW JERSEY

- Camden program to cut hospital readmissions gains national attention
- Bergen Hospital Employees To Reap Benefit Of $15 Minimum Wage
- CHS sells New Jersey hospital
- Inspira Health Mullica Hill cancer center celebrates topping-off
- Lord Abbett gifts $1M to Jersey City Medical Center for new maternity wing
- Hackensack Meridian’s Miller appointed to American Hospital Association post

PENNSYLVANIA

- Commission OKs new Penn State Health hospital on West Shore
- Despite investment hit at end of 2018, Allegheny Health Network results continue to improve
- Pennsylvania nurses approve labor deal, avert February strike
- Allegheny Health Network reports $3.3B in operating revenue, up 6.9% from 2017
- Suburban Philly organization sets cancer guidelines used by doctors all over the world
- Penn Medicine shortens ICU stays with real-time data
- Opinions split on whether nursing-ratio mandate would improve care
- Some Easton Hospital patients may get compensated for data breach
- Hampden Township Commissioners approve Penn State Health's land development plan
Somerset Hospital officially named UPMC Somerset
Penn State Health’s acute care hospital gets final township approval
Health center operator DVCH names new CEO
Ellwood City Medical Center workers paid
Washington Hospital Workers Ratify New Union Contract
LVHN to build hospital, medical offices in Lower Nazareth
Ellwood hospital could be looking at health department probe
Holy Redeemer and Prepared Health Partner to Connect Health System, Align Post-Acute Network
Pennsylvania medical center denies claims CEO was fired over race, age
Glen Mills health business pays $17M to settle fed false claims case
Washington Hospital service employees ratify new three-year contract
Not all happy with Ellwood City Medical Center self-insurance plan
attorney general targets access, cost issues related to Highmark-UPMC divorce
Readers React: St. Luke's University Health Network maintains strong presence in Coal Country
Pennsylvania medical center may face probe over biological waste storage
Trinity Health announces changes to IT services, revenue cycle operations
Tower Health adds Pediatric ER to Reading Hospital
Trinity Health restructuring to affect nearly 200 Philadelphia-area jobs
Pennsylvania to probe how Highmark-UPMC split will affect consumers

VIRGINIA
WMC leader honored by the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
Bill would legalize ‘medical aid in dying’ in Virginia
UVA Medical Center receives national recognition
With Medicaid expansion, Danville hospital hopes to reduce amount of uncompensated care
Healthcare Real Estate Firm Opens East Coast Regional Office In Northern Virginia
Increased number of Virginia hospitals facing financial distress
Mayo Clinic and Leidos announce strategic collaboration

WEST VIRGINIA
West Virginia doctor will pay $200K for health care fraud
WV Supreme Court justices hear issue in WVU Hospitals records cost case
Questions surround the fate of Hopemont Hospital

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

IOWA
- Campaign aims to advance UnityPoint Health Birthing Center
- Leah Giasgo is new CEO at UnityPoint Health — Fort Dodge
- Mercy Health Network transitions to new MercyOne name
- Prices revealed for N'West Iowa hospitals
- New Maternity Wing Opens at Methodist West Hospital
- Encompass Health to build new hospital in Iowa
- MercyOne CEO Bob Ritz talks about health care and hospital name change

KANSAS
- EmpowerHMS health care facilities reportedly struggling nationwide
- Physician-owned hospital in Kansas takes on minority owner, looks to expand
- Kansas hospital leader reports missed payroll
- CEO is confident struggling Horton hospital will stay open
- EmpowerHMS misses payroll at Northeast Kansas hospital
- Hillsboro hospital owner to appeal receivership decision

MINNESOTA
- No room in the hospital? St. Luke's, Essentia go to great lengths to have enough space
- RiverView Health plans to build new hospital in Crookston
- Hennepin Healthcare CEO Jon Pryor to resign
- For sale: 10-acre Shriners Hospital complex overlooking Mississippi River
- Despite cuts at hospitals, Minnesota still delivers on rural obstetrics
- New CEO takes the helm at Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic
- Mayo Clinic and Leidos announce strategic collaboration
- Mayo Clinic's $8M pharmacy will not service the public
- Proposal to allow secret 'granny cams' moves forward at the Capitol

MISSOURI
- SSM Health taps new CIO
- Nevada Regional Medical Center applies to be filed as a "sole community hospital"
- Louis Children's Hospital completes 4,000th SDR spinal surgery
- Fulton hospital changes management
- Ascension SVP Tim Adams: The shift to 'everywhere' care and the future of American healthcare
NEBRASKA
- Editorial: UNMC plays a pivotal role in addressing Nebraska's rural health needs
- Former employee pleads guilty to defrauding Omaha hospital
- Omaha woman pleads guilty to defrauding Children's Hospital of $4.6M
- DEA investigating Omaha pain management clinic

NORTH DAKOTA
- Sanford Health offers innovative TAVR heart procedure
- JRMC among top rural hospitals in North Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA
- Custer doctor named president of medical organization
- Mental health pod slated for 2019
- Helmsley grant aims to help with mental health issues West River

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

ILLINOIS
- Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush completes newest center
- Blessing Hospital, Quincy Medical Group debate new surgical center
- Samantha Handley, new Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare CEO
- Schwanke named interim CEO at RCH
- Horizon Health opens EZ Care Clinic in Marshall, IL
- Pharma company files for bankruptcy after backlash over price hikes
- Rochelle Community Hospital appoints interim CEO
- Sinai Health System taps Presence Health executive as COO

INDIANA
- NWI health care on the cutting edge
- DCH Sleep Disorders Center receives accreditation
- New Community East Hospital has comfy touches, from wood accents to Apple TVs
- Carmel-based Olio launches health care communications platform nationally
- IU Med School Hits Record NIH Funding
- Spero Health Opens 2nd Indiana Location in Jeffersonville
- Medical procedure prices around Indiana show broad contrasts
- Georgia Woman Wins $3M Verdict Against Cook Medical
Lilly Returns to Profit
Rehab Medical Merges With Wound Care Company
$175M Community Health Project Hits Milestone

KENTUCKY
Kentucky delays start time for some new Medicaid rules
Health Poll: 24% of KY adults don't use regular doctor
Passport Health mum about cost-cutting steps as losses mount
SentryHealth Names Steven Sablan as Chief Operating Officer
Lucina Health names new chief financial officer
Kentucky orthopedic center launches data-analysis injury prevention program for athletes
Elizabeth seeks to prevent sports injuries via data analysis
Passport, Kentucky officials to meet about Medicaid rate dispute
Spero Health Opens 2nd Indiana Location in Jeffersonville
Passport Health Plan has a new president
Humana 4Q earnings top expectations
Bluegrass Pain Consultants to close its last office
Baptist Healthcare profitable despite $42M loss in physician group, investment losses

MICHIGAN
How Bronson Hospital is changing the stigma of hospital food
Michigan Moves to Intervene in Federal ACA Case
Demand for high-tech health help grows during cold stretch
Change Ups: Spectrum Health appoints diversity officer
Michigan hospital opens on-site grocery store
New maternity center opens for patients in Mid-Michigan
Beaumont Health looks to hire laid-off salaried GM workers

OHIO
Ohio hospital system could lose Medicare funding over deaths
Operating in 'growth-mode': The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center CIO Phyllis Teater answers 3Qs on IT budgeting
University Hospital renames outpatient facility
Cradle Cincinnati, Good Sam awarded $5M grant to help combat infant mortality rates
Graceworks' new CEO hopes to continue expanding home care, disability services
Dayton Children's expands services closer to home for Miami County residents
- Hospice unit set to open at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center
- Greater Cincinnati hospital to build $35M cancer center
- Ohio to rebid costly private Medicaid contracts
- University Hospitals, Kent State Address Nursing Shortage in Northeast Ohio Through New Nursing Education Program
- Dayton Children’s Hospital opens multispecialty outpatient center
- TriHealth, Beacon Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine become Cincinnati's largest orthopedic care providers with new facility
- Mercy Health Eyes Growth Beyond Hospital Walls
- Elizabeth seeks to prevent sports injuries via data analysis
- Google parent company looking to partner on opioid rehab campus in Ohio
- Cardinal Health profit falls 73% in latest quarter
- Catholic group with ownership stake in Premier completes mega-merger
- Cleveland fertility clinic's 2018 loss of thousands of eggs, embryos spurs new protocols locally, nationwide
- Fisher-Titus CEO to step down

**WISCONSIN**

- Advocate Aurora stands by $250M Wisconsin expansion despite Foxconn changes
- Ashland Health and Rehabilitation has new owner
- Aurora clinic building in St. Francis sold for $13.3 million
- Wisconsin hospital was in 'immediate jeopardy' after 2016 patient suicide
- Hospital workers, shaken by murder, say parking garage danger ignored. FBI figures confirm the risk.
- Despite Foxconn news, Advocate still plans to spend $250 million on new Wisconsin hospital, medical offices
- Four Atrium Health senior living homes will close. Some residents got a day's notice.
- Feds warn 180 Wisconsin health care professionals about overprescribing opiates
- Gundersen Health System names new CFO

**SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

**ALABAMA**

- UAB CEO hopes MedWest Hospital move could pave way for psychiatric facility
- Alabama hospital execs make case for Medicaid expansion
- Decatur Morgan Hospital gets major renovation

**FLORIDA**

- Florida orthopedic-focused hospital transitions to outpatient care
- Feds threaten to cut funds to Florida children’s hospital
- House bill would allow Halifax Health to operate hospital in Deltona
- Partners no more: USF med school and St. Petersburg’s largest hospital announce a breakup
- Thousands of Florida doctors, dentists skip required opioid training
- Interim CEO of NCH Healthcare System on right track, observers say
- Clearwater doctor sentenced to six months for health care fraud
- Interim CEO of Florida hospital seeks to re-examine controversial admissions policy
- Shriners Hospital shifts focus in Tampa, will no longer have inpatient care
- Lake County eye doctors agree to $157K payment to settle Medicare billing allegations
- Regional General Hospital has payroll issues, says former employees
- Philip Minden Named New President Of St. Joseph’s Hospital-South
- Mayo Clinic and Leidos announce strategic collaboration
- Doctor, nursing facility under fire for kickback scheme
- Johns Hopkins All Children’s has 3 weeks to correct safety lapses or lose Medicare funding

**GEORGIA**

- Lee officials: CON extension ‘routine’
- Piedmont Fayette Hospital plans expansion, starting with new parking lot
- Georgia House introduces bill to exempt integrated ASCs from CON requirements
- Nurse, Georgia hospital settle discrimination lawsuit
- Northeast Georgia Medical Center continues to expand residency program
- North Georgia hospital to pay $5 million to resolve alleged False Claims Act violations
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital to seek trauma center designation
- Northeast Georgia Health System to open ER, then build new hospital in Lumpkin
- Georgia hospital to reopen in July

**MISSISSIPPI**

- Illinois medical equipment maker expanding in Mississippi
- Hattiesburg Clinic, UMMC announce electronic health records partnership
- Mississippi lawmakers dodge action on surprise billing remedy

**NORTH CAROLINA**

- HCA completes purchase of Mission Health
- Troubled Raleigh nursing home faces new state, federal investigations
- Contracts Awarded to 5 for N Carolina Medicaid Managed Care
- HCA to pay $15M in property taxes in North Carolina after Mission Health deal
Contracts awarded to 5 for NC Medicaid managed care

Novant planning Ballantyne hospital

UNC Lenoir Health Care Names Jay Dennard as CEO

Atrium Health Invests More Than $19 Million In Over 15,000 Teammates; Nursing and nursing support staff will benefit most from pay increase

Federal judge dismisses whistleblower’s complaint against two N.C. health-care systems

SOUTH CAROLINA

Businessman give $5 million gift to children’s heart center

New robot at Roper Hospital on cutting edge of surgical technology

After MUSC opens new children’s hospital in October, leaders plan to replace main hospital

Roper St. Francis, Valley Professionals Phishing Attacks Breach Patient Data

Charleston businessman donates $5M to MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children’s Hospital

Nancy Mace: South Carolina’s certificate of need law hurts health care industry and consumers

SC lawmakers file bill to repeal complex health regulations called Certificate of Need

South Carolina healthcare providers alert patients about 'split billing'

Health providers battle for bid to build new York County hospital

Grand Strand Health breaks ground on new medical office building

TENNESSEE

Health care CEO: 'I'm going to cheat. Don't tell anyone.'

Provider wins False Claims decision, now must face claims that it retaliated against whistleblower

HCA completes purchase of Mission Health

Thanks to donations, East Tennessee Children’s Hospital unveils new ICU ambulance

Health-tech firm moves HQ to downtown Nashville, expects to double staff

nurse charged with homicide, patient abuse

New urgent care facility to open in East Nashville

Community Health Systems Reaches Settlement over 2014 Breach of 4.5M

HCA to pay $15M in property taxes in North Carolina after Mission Health deal

HealthStream hires former HealthLeaders CEO

Laboratory settles claims of doctor kickbacks for $63M

Tennessee hospital receives court oversight amid financial troubles

Satellite Healthcare agrees to pay $3.2 million to settle anti-kickback charges

Skilled nursing company to pay nearly $10M to settle False Claims allegations
HCA Healthcare grows outpatient cases 3.2% in 2018 & more
Tristar Skyline Medical Center to undergo expansion project
Former Vanderbilt nurse indicted on reckless homicide charge after fatal medication error
TriStar Centennial names COO for women’s, children’s division
Public hearing today on Ballad Health annual report
Erlanger breeding culture of distrust among staff, physicians allege

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- CHI St. Vincent launches online heart health tool
- Calling the Shots: New CEOs Take the Reins of Arkansas Health Care Organizations
- Mainline Health Systems Officially Opens Clinic
- Mercy Northwest Arkansas promotes 2 in operations

ARIZONA

- Arizona bill would add more state regulation to facility where patient was raped
- National Partners In Healthcare acquires Anesthesia Resources
- Arizona Clinical Nurse Specialists one step closer to prescribing authority
- Anchor Health Properties enters Phoenix market through outpatient medical center investment
- Arizona bill hopes to improve insurance coverage of telemedicine

LOUISIANA

- Baton Rouge pediatric clinic closes, health department to move patients to other providers
- LSU garners $11.5M grant to establish Louisiana pulmonary research center
- Shreveport trauma surgeon found guilty of stealing social security benefits
- Louisiana Medicaid misspending sparks probe for national issues
- Five Louisiana health centers to split multi-million dollar grant
- Louisiana Medicaid misspending sparks probe for national issues

NEW MEXICO

- Texas company buys building for new medical office
- Presbyterian receives $1.79M gift, expands services
- New Mexico may open Medicaid to paying customers
- New Mexico bill mimics Obamacare consumer protections

OKLAHOMA
Health care must be part of legislative focus

Oklahoma nursing homes push for more funding, promise better quality

Financial struggles continue for Prague Community Hospital

MHTC out of compliance with federal regulations

Oklahoma hospital misses payroll for 2nd time

Oklahoma hospital could lose Medicare funding

Memorial Hospital of Texas County Doesn't Meet Requirements for Medicare, Medicaid Accreditation

**TEXAS**

- CHI Texas Division, Baylor St. Luke’s appoint more C-level execs
- University of Texas Health pays $2.4M to resolve allegations its center misused NIH funds
- Two Texas physicians sentenced in $29M Medicare fraud cases
- Navarro Regional Hospital names new CEO
- Healthcare field flourishing in East Texas, nationwide trend
- Medical City Fort Worth’s new CFO is Andrew Lane
- How to Prepare for Texas’ New Maternal Care Levels
- Texas Tech ‘teletrauma’ technology to help trauma patients in rural communities
- Pathology lab strikes $63M deal in physician kickback case
- National Partners In Healthcare acquires Anesthesia Resources
- Texarkana hospital earns new accreditation
- Memorial Hermann, Baylor Scott & White merger off
- UTHealth pays $2.4 million for misappropriated federal funding
- Pipeline Health buys 22 freestanding ERs
- Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center appoints CEO
- Job cuts at Children’s Health among more than 630 new layoffs in Dallas-Fort Worth
- Tenet extends contract with Cerner
- Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital selects interim CEO

**NORTHWEST**

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

**ALASKA**

- Inspectors fault practices at Alaska Psychiatric Institute
- Federal investigators found more ‘substantial deficiencies’ at API than at any other US hospital last year
- Legislators revive bills to abolish certificate of need program
State wrestles with sizeable backlog of Medicaid applications

Petersburg Medical Center CFO to depart

IDAHO

Idaho Supreme Court upholds Medicaid expansion

Knox dissolution does not signal end of Valor Health

Layoffs coming at Saint Alphonsus hospital system in the Treasure Valley

MONTANA

Health care clinic in Helena aims to provide fast, affordable care

Cardiologist, Bozeman Health drop lawsuit during trial

Montana Lawmakers Consider New Regulations To Curb Prescription Drug Prices

Peter’s Health CEO answers questions and shares hospital’s progress

Missoula’s fight against the opioid epidemic

OREGON

Asante selects CEO

Nurx Expands to Oregon, Leveraging Telemedicine to Provide Affordable and Convenient Healthcare

Behavioral health clinics urge Oregon delegation to extend funding

PeaceHealth names new COO for Oregon region

Providence St. Joseph Health launches pop health startup

WASHINGTON

Providence St. Joseph Health launches for-profit company

Magnolia Medical nets $20M for its blood sample isolation system

Washington State Lawmakers to Debate 4 Separate Telehealth Bills

Providence hospital seeks to add urgent care to scaled-back campus

150-bed hospital proposed for UW

Committee hears support for new teaching hospital at UW

Virginia Mason's Gary Kaplan: 19 years of inviting disruption

Seattle health care prediction startup KenSci raises $22 million

How Providence St. Joseph Health plans to bring more consistency to IT & pricing: CIO B.J. Moore shares insights

WYOMING

Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County outlines its budget process

Bill seeks to clarify hospital privacy regulations

In New Report on Rural Hospitals, Mountain West Looks Troubled
Hospital Announces New Chief Operating Officer
Wyoming Medicaid expansion bill passes committee
Wyoming Seeks to Repeal Hospital Privacy Regulation for HIPAA Clarity
Campbell County Health names COO

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

CALIFORNIA
- Stanford Health Care CIO Eric Yablonka: Navigating the IT budget after opening a new facility
- Task Force Outlines Strategy To Address California’s Shortfall Of Health Workers
- Sutter elevates population health with c-suite role
- Hospital unionization effort falls short in California
- Commission says patching up California’s health workforce would cost $3 billion
- Californians don’t have enough doctors. Here’s how to fix that by 2030, panel says
- Denver, California hospital chains complete merger
- Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center appoints CFO
- California’s first accredited emergency room created for seniors
- Judge rejects attorney general’s attempt to block sale of 2 California hospitals
- California hospitals record higher profits under Medicaid expansion, study finds
- Pipeline Health buys 22 freestanding ERs
- California attorney general requests emergency order to halt sale of 2 hospitals
- Nurses at California community hospital give strike OK
- Independent California hospital lays off 10-15 employees, paper reports
- Barton Health taps CFO, CMO
- California fines 5 hospitals $250K+ for patient safety issues

COLORADO
- Vail Health CEO: Partnerships essential for future success
- Colorado House Sends Hospital Transparency Bill To Senate
- Colorado downgrades Clear View Behavioral Health’s license amid Contact7 investigation
- Colorado lawmakers bring back bill to help insurance companies cover high-cost health claims
- Colorado advances bill to import cheaper prescription drugs
- Denver, California hospital chains complete merger
- Colorado hospitals didn’t pass billions in savings to consumers, state report finds
UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital announces new president
Kaiser Permanente lays off nearly 200 in Colorado

HAWAII
The Queen's Medical Center-West to be renovated
Hawaii medical center adds spine, orthopedics program

NEVADA
Nevada Assemblyman Sprinkle to take another shot at Medicaid buy-in law
Northern Nevada Medical Center breaks ground on freestanding emergency department in northwest Reno to serve community
Northern Nevada’s first-ever freestanding ER coming to northwest Reno
Rural Nevada hospital exec guilty of opioid charges
Why Renown Health is on a mission to collect Nevadans’ genetic info

UTAH
Hospital renews trauma center designation
Cache Valley Hospital names new Chief Medical Officer
Utah Senate approves rewrite of Medicaid expansion plan
Health technology startup is hiring for over 60 jobs, planning to move to new location in Salt Lake City
Report highlights health disparities in Utah