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NATIONAL

- How hospitals are making investments that create new revenue streams
- Civica Rx CEO predicts 'stampede' if Amazon's Haven succeeds
- HHS cuts maximum civil monetary penalties for HIPAA violations
- Healthcare sweeps ranking of top-paying jobs — Salaries for surgeons, orthodontists & more
- PBM executive: Industry has been discussing end of rebates for a 'long, long time'
- FDA Okays Healthcare Blockchain Pilot to Track Specialty Drugs
- At 30, Stark Law Chugs Along But It's Overdue for Repairs
- 5 top supply chain stories in April
- Healthcare mergers were down a bit in Q1. But watch for more partnerships, report says
- AHA urges DOJ to scrutinize Centene-Wellcare merger
- CMS launches 5 primary care models in new value-based push
- CMS seeking ideas for new ACA innovation waiver concepts

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- CT nursing home union calls off strike plans
- Hospital merger gives western CT new doctor pipeline
- Yale-New Haven Hospital announces $838 million Neuroscience Center at Saint Raphael campus
- $15 million gift for Norwalk Hospital
- Officials say St. Vincent’s, Hartford deal good for all
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center Unveils New Virtual Reality Infusion Center

MAINE

- Northern Maine Medical Center physician leads Maine association
- Soaring health care costs drive consolidation of Maine’s hospitals
- Seven of eight towns favor Mayo/Northern Light Merger
- CMMC could lose Medicare and Medicaid funding due to problems
- Maine Med to share federal grant that will get cardiac patients into research trials
MASSACHUSETTS

- Class-action lawsuit filed against Massachusetts-based healthcare provider over data breach
- Tenet taps Carolyn Jackson as Massachusetts market, hospital CEO
- Startup offering medical second opinion service partners with Boston Children’s, Nationwide Children’s
- Boston hospital receives largest philanthropic gift in history for HIV/AIDS vaccine research
- Assault on healthcare workers could be felony under new Massachusetts bill

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Portsmouth Regional Hospital to become a teaching hospital
- Patients being returned to hospital after boiler problem

NEW YORK

- White Plains Hospital breaks ground on $272M expansion
- Shooting victim’s lawsuit against Bronx Lebanon Hospital will move forward
- Wyoming County hospital approved for ortho expansion
- New York approves Wyoming County Community Hospital’s $1.1M orthopedic expansion
- Patient falls from 8th floor window at New York hospital
- Healogics Wound Care Center Opens at Hudson Regional Hospital
- North 60 $1.2B bioscience center: More details of mixed-use project for Valhalla
- Patients urged to share billing frustrations, organize to shape health policy

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island to dock Medicaid payments to some nursing homes
- Lifespan launches website criticizing Partners takeover of Care New England
- Ortho Rhode Island breaks ground on medical office building with surgery center
- Care New England CEO: Lifespan is ‘fear-mongering’ on Partners deal

VERMONT

- Vermont hospital considering partnerships, bankruptcy as financial struggles drag on
- WCAX Investigates: The ripple effect of wait times at Vt. hospitals

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- 5 Delaware biotech startups to watch
- Company seeks $1.2 million grant for new medical facility in Delaware
- Pennsylvania, Delaware medical societies team up on improving care, controlling costs
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- New Branch of GU Medical Center Appoints Leadership
- Children’s NICU slashes unintended extubation rates by 60% over 10 years
- Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM, named president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States
- Providence’s emergency services are gone. Here’s what’s coming on the D.C. campus.
- Providence Hospital closes after 158 years | 'I think it will put a lot of people in jeopardy'
- DC hospital closes after 158 years

MARYLAND

- Johns Hopkins Hospital CFO Daniel Smith on the value of EMRs
- Chief of Maryland medical system resigns amid scandal
- University of Maryland first to use unmanned aircraft to deliver kidney for transplant
- Shore Health wins approval for $38.5M freestanding facility with ASC
- Drone delivers kidney for transplant at U of Maryland
- Maryland’s Largest Independent GI Provider Announces Grand Re-Opening Near Bowie

NEW JERSEY

- New Bridgton Hospital president addresses concerns, offers look ahead
- RWJBarnabas, Trinitas near merger agreement
- Paycheck errors have hit hospital workers across N.J., union complaint says
- Statement of Debbie White, President On the hiring of the next President/CEO of University Hospital
- Panel raises questions about $13M in tax credits to hospital
- NJ health commissioner leaves to become University Hospital president and CEO
- University Hospital Can Be ‘Pride Of Newark,’ New CEO Says

PENNSYLVANIA

- Nurses in demand: City needs to lure workers from other U.S. metros
- Pennsylvania hospital to end maternity, pediatric services after UPMC ends affiliation
- Uniontown Hospital ending maternity, pediatric services June 30
- Another central Pa. hospital system and health insurer decide to pair up
- Tyrone Hospital Announces Leadership Changes
- WVU Medicine doctors expected to staff Uniontown Hospital's emergency room
- Pennsylvania, Delaware medical societies team up on improving care, controlling costs
- Reading Hospital names new COO
- How Jefferson Health standardized clinical products to cut costs while maintaining care quality
Penn State researchers to study need for hospice care in rural Pennsylvania

VIRGINIA
- Virginia pain management clinics agree to pay $3.3M to settle civil fraud claims
- National Spine & Pain Centers involved in $3.3M settlement over fraud allegations
- Life Sciences Industry On Uptick In Virginia
- Local healthcare transport startup fuels up with $5M in new capital

WEST VIRGINIA
- Hospitals in West Virginia and Kentucky sign onto massive suit aimed at pharma industry
- Health systems representing 25 W.Va. hospitals file lawsuit against drug companies
- WVU Medicine doctors expected to staff Uniontown Hospital's emergency room
- Kurban named chief medical officer at WVU Medicine East
- WVU Medicine East names new vice president, chief medical officer

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

IOWA
- Genesis Health Systems realign workforce according to officials
- New Behavioral Health Hospital Will Address Treatment Shortage
- Nurses recognized for patient and workforce safety achievements
- UI considers using third party to create final Children’s Hospital construction records

KANSAS
- Hospital clinics recognized as ‘Pinnacle Practice’
- Regional general Hospital owner Jorge Perez under federal investigation.
- Olathe Health plans first phase of expansion
- Liver transplant change delayed amid lawsuit by KU, St. Luke’s, other hospitals

MINNESOTA
- Children’s Hospital Minnesota launches new Gender Health program
- Mayo Clinic accelerator picks include AI, remote patient monitoring tools
- Budget fight erupts at Minnesota Legislature as health care provider tax is set to expire

MISSOURI
- Regional general Hospital owner Jorge Perez under federal investigation.
- One of St. Louis' largest architecture firms expands in health care industry with acquisition
- Schnucks grocery chain opens 9th specialty pharmacy
St. Louis biotech startup acquires German firm, snags private equity investment
St. Louis-area health care organization ranks on 'top health systems' list
Liver transplant change delayed amid lawsuit by KU, St. Luke’s, other hospitals
IBM Watson names Mercy among top five large health systems for 2019
St. Louis Children’s Hospital celebrates 500th heart transplant

NEBRASKA
- Boys Town Hospital expands surgical services for kids, adds 4 physicians
- Nebraska Medical Center named to 100 great hospital list for sixth time
- Tri Valley Health System appoints Jessica Fisher CEO
- 'A flying intensive care unit' — StarCare provides air medical service for rural Nebraskans
- Local hospital named on 100 great hospitals list

NORTH DAKOTA
- Crookston's RiverView Health breaks ground on new hospital
- CCMH welcomes new CFO

SOUTH DAKOTA
- Encompass building $28M, 40-bed rehab hospital in southwest Sioux Falls
- Avera Gregory Hospital earns five-star marks in federal ratings

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

ILLINOIS
- Edward-Elmhurst nurses oppose Illinois mandatory staffing ratio bill
- Galesburg Cottage Hospital CEO to resign
- Schnucks grocery chain opens 9th specialty pharmacy
- Local hospitals’ quality projects showcased at State Capitol
- Illinois hospital installs new spinal robot for precise spinal surgery
- Westlake Hospital closing approved by unanimous state review board vote
- Illinois health board approves Quincy Medical Group's ASC proposal with slight objections
- Lisa DiMarco named chief nursing officer for SSM Health in Southern Illinois
- 'A great day': Alton Memorial Hospital joins Siteman Cancer Network

INDIANA
- Lutheran Health Network Expands Leadership Team
- Indiana University Health, WakeMed Health & Hospitals test blockchain for drug delivery
Visibly files suit seeking to overturn Indiana's ban on corrective lens prescription via telemedicine

Executive team addition announced at Decatur County Memorial Hospital

'Anywhere but Indiana' — Why employers are avoiding hospitals in the Hoosier State

Lilly Reports Higher Profit, Cuts Guidance

Reid Health Announces Partnership with Earlham College

Indiana Hospital to Launch Cerner EHR Implementation

Indiana ASC wins 'best places to work' award

Indiana University Health names Dr. Michelle Janney COO

Methodist Hospitals Appoint Assistant VP

KENTUCKY

Cloud interoperability tech eases interface work at University of Louisville Hospital

Baptist Health Lexington Makes Becker’s Healthcare Top 100

Norton Healthcare partners with Kentucky schools to offer students virtual visits

Hospitals in West Virginia and Kentucky sign onto massive suit aimed at pharma industry

Baptist Health inks strategic alliance with BluMine Health to support employer-sponsored health, wellness programs

Waystar's owner reportedly mulling sale of company

Louisville health care startup wins Venture Sharks competition

US WorldMeds settles whistleblower suit for $17.5 million

Humana earnings beat expectations

Norton Healthcare & Select Medical tie up on outpatient rehabilitation

Kentucky Hospitals Join Together to Fight Opioid Epidemic

Kindred Healthcare Acquires Promise Hospital in Los Angeles

MICHIGAN

Pine Rest aims to ease strain on ERs

Health system earns distinction for electronic records

Three Michigan health systems collaborate on $48 million laundry service facility

Pregnant women at Manistee Hospital soon will need to go elsewhere to give birth

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital launches new program

Dickinson County Healthcare System announces layoffs

Oaklawn Hospital names Gregg Beeg permanent CEO

OHIO

Mercy St. Vincent Nurses, staff issue 10-day notice to strike
Ohio State’s Harding Hospital opens 18 new inpatient rooms for psychiatric patients

New Mount Carmel Grove City hospital set to open this Sunday

Cincinnati Children’s, Teladoc to develop pediatric telehealth

TriHealth COO Gail Donovan to step down

Wrongful death lawsuit against Summa, ER physician group settled

Proposed solution to Ohio’s healthcare shortage gains AARP support

Startup offering medical second opinion service partners with Boston Children’s, Nationwide Children’s

Ohio moves further down list of worst states for nurses

Bon Secours to merge with Ireland’s largest private health system

Hospital’s replacement opens amid scandal over doc, dosages

Nurses, staff set to strike at Ohio hospital next week

Akron Children’s Hospital provides glimpse inside new Massillon pediatric center

Mercy Health Youngstown lays off over 30 employees

Northeast Ohio nursing homes are diversifying to stay afloat

WISCONSIN

What you need to know about the St. Joseph Hospital controversy

Aspirus Riverview Hospital ‘front-line’ employees enlist union to seek higher pay, cheaper insurance

Carroll University, St. Joseph Medical Clinic partner on new downtown Waukesha clinic

LifeCare Hospitals of Wisconsin in Waukesha to close

Marshfield Clinic completes affiliation with Beaver Dam Community Hospital

Dycora cuts Wisconsin ties

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

(ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE)

ALABAMA

UAB alumni forging the future of medicine, patient care in Alabama

Helen Keller Hospital picks new president with Huntsville ties

Alabama ASC proposes physician buyout by Covenant Surgical Partners

UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium aims to improve health with multi-level approach

UAB’s Grand Challenge winner lands $2.7M to boost health in Alabama

FLORIDA

Ex-leaders of diabetes test supplier to settle fraud charges for $1M

Key hospital budget issues resolved
Certificates of Need about to Become History

Legislature could pass telehealth bill in Florida

Broward health care tech closes on $9M in Series B

Nicklaus Children’s Health System head warns of proposed funding cuts

Freestanding ER in the works for Citrus Hills

How is it going at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg? City officials have questions.

Bayfront Health St. Petersburg sues property appraiser for ‘unlawful’ tax bill

Florida hospital sues Aetna over readmission payment policy

Former Florida hospital chain CEO to pay $3.5M to settle false billing allegations

Florida bill would allow new hospitals to be built without state approval

Florida hospital sues Aetna over readmission payment policy

Orlando Health snaps up 28 acres in Osceola County

GEORGIA

Kemp could model Georgia Medicaid waiver off Grady program

Augusta University Medical Center buys remaining ASC shares for $2M+ from University Hospital, physicians

Kemp signs bill freeing cancer hospital to grow in Georgia

Augusta University opens long-awaited nurse-run clinic

Doctor sues hospital, claims billing done for patients he never saw

Three Atlanta hospitals ranked among America’s 100 greatest

Emory, WellStar engaged in years long court battle over Smyrna hospital

Athens Piedmont hospital ranks as one of the best hospitals in the US

MISSISSIPPI

Neshoba General Hospital getting new look

Covington Hospital CEO also administrator of Magee General

Mississippi health system now live on Epic

NORTH CAROLINA

Indiana University Health, WakeMed Health & Hospitals test blockchain for drug delivery

Cooper, hospitals push for Medicaid expansion

Judge signs off on settlement in lawsuit against Atrium Health involving health care costs

Western North Carolina Community Health Services appoints interim chief executive officer

N.C. CEOs: Now’s the time to expand Medicaid

Rural hospital CEOs call for Medicaid expansion
NC House proposes new help for people in assisted living in state budget
Solving the nursing shortage: HCC expansion hinges on new building
Washington County Hospital reopening today, accepting patients Thursday

SOUTH CAROLINA
New VA health facility in North Charleston expected to open in 2021
Coastal Carolina Hospital names chief nursing officer
Nurses at Orangeburg hospital feared for their safety before shooting. They still do.
SC needs more health providers, but there aren’t enough spots to train them

TENNESSEE
Spero Health Appoints Clint Cromwell as Chief Legal Officer
Clinical care, academic programs unite as ETSU Health
Nurse’s arrest shows flaws in Tennessee background check reports
Tennessee children’s hospital opens new outpatient center
CHS reports $118M loss, revenues dip 8.5%
HCA beats revenue estimates, logs 20th straight quarter of admissions growth
Unlike Other Hospital Chains, Nashville-Based HCA Remains In Buying Mode
Memphis pharmacy joins FDA pilot to secure U.S. drug supply chain
TriStar building $17.3M surgery center on HCA property after lengthy delay
TDH commissioner OKs Ballad Health’s NICU plan
Mayor Briley announces Nashville General Hospital to get $43.1M from budget
HCA won’t wait to grow its newest asset

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

ARKANSAS
Arkansas sues 3 drug distributors over opioid crisis
Hospital quality improvement award goes to Magnolia Regional Medical Center
Eureka Springs Hospital Commission concerned ER doctors not getting paid on time
Investing in new technology is high stakes. Here’s how a Banner CEO tackles the challenge
Arizona hospital under construction seeks nurses, other healthcare workers

ARIZONA
Carondelet St. Mary’s Hospital selects Ryan Harper as COO
Mayo Clinic and Arizona State University reveal 6 startups in new MedTech Accelerator
New East Valley hospital looking to hire medical professionals

Banner Health and Radiology Partners join forces to create Banner Imaging

JLL sells Arizona property anchored by USPI surgery center

Mayo Clinic names CEO in Arizona

Banner Health and Select Medical break ground on Peoria hospital

New Head Of Arizona Hospital And Healthcare Association: This Is A Time Of Uncertainty And Opportunity

The Ensign Group Acquires Two Arizona Post-Acute Care Campuses

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge nurse's death prompts medical workers nationwide to demand workplace safety

East Jefferson General Hospital has new financing option for patients

UHC, LCMC Health partner on physician assistant program

Nurse Practitioners Key to Strengthening Louisiana Primary Health Care Access

University of Holy Cross, LCMC Health team up to launch physician assistant program

Ochsner Health System's telehealth program is built on trust

The rise of New Orleans as a healthcare innovation hub

NEW MEXICO

Roosevelt General Hospital expands service with new clinic

Report: Rate of ER visits higher in southeastern New Mexico

Hospital board braces for change as terms expire

Christus St. Vincent joins Mayo Clinic network

A New Mexico hospital has become the first in the state to join the Mayo Clinic Network.

OKLAHOMA

Southeastern Oklahoma Heart Walk to shine light on low health rankings

Stephenson Cancer Center at OU Medicine receives $10.8 million grant

Prague hospital back on track under new management

Medicaid expansion debate continues in Oklahoma

Oklahoma Specialty Hospital Selects the Evident Thrive EHR System

New management requires unpaid former employees to return for back pay at Osage Co. hospital

TEXAS

Could Tenet Healthcare Corp. Be on the Move?

Cook Children's plans to open pediatric hospital in Prosper

Texas managed care accountability bill advances
Ka-ching! Tenet’s CEO gets $30 million in stock with few strings attached

Two Major Children’s Hospitals Plan To Build Facilities In Prosper

UH College of Nursing receives $3.5M from Houston’s largest health care system

Nilest named CEO of rehab hospital

5 new technologies enhancing health care at Houston Methodist

Timothy Harlin appointed University of Texas Medical Branch Health System CEO

Tenet reports $27M loss in Q1

Baylor Scott and White – Waxahachie is Now a Trauma Center

Houston-based real estate co. launches health care division, first project

Texas Health Hospital Frisco’s First President

AMN Healthcare, nation’s biggest staffing firm, grows larger with $200 million deal

Texas Medical Center reveals new details and renderings for its TMC3 campus

Texas lawmaker (and doctor) wants to study state’s physician shortage

How Forest Park Medical Center players got away with paying medical kickbacks for so long

A New CFO at Medical City Denton

Plano medical software firm is doubling its headquarters

UH College of Nursing receives $3.5M from Houston’s largest health care system

Where are they now? An update of Texas healthcare legislation

UTMB Health System names new CEO

NORTHWEST


ALASKA

Growth of Alaska’s senior population outpacing available living options

Alaska House bill would require warnings from doctors about opioid dangers

Woodin resigns as South Peninsula Hospital CEO

Noel Rea appointed interim CEO at hospital

IDAHO

St. Mary’s/CVH optimizes value-based healthcare

Hospitals say Medicaid expansion will help them, patients

MONTANA

Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital unveils new surgery center

New Kalispell Hospital CEO Takes Over In Wake Of $24 Million Lawsuit
Travelling medical lab helping rural doctors keep their skills sharp
Providence Health Expansion Pairs Social Workers, Physicians To Improve Patient Outcomes

OREGON
- Trillium Set To Lose Contract With PeaceHealth
- Nurses hope Oregon legislation will stem assaults by patients
- Safety for health care workers looked to be improved under proposed Oregon bill
- Washington, Oregon named among best states in nation for nurses
- Changes possible for health care groups that oversee the Oregon Health Plan

WASHINGTON
- Kirkland hospital measures fail
- East Adams Rural Healthcare appoints Corey Fedie CEO
- CHI Franciscan hospitals required to pay debt relief as part of lawsuit settlement
- Parent company of Tacoma’s St. Joseph hospital to pay millions over illegal charity care practices
- Brain cancer doctors at Swedish believe they’re close to breakthrough to improve survival
- Washington, Oregon named among best states in nation for nurses
- Hospitals required to pay debt relief as part of settlement
- Hundreds stuck in Washington hospitals without a medical need to be there
- Legislature OKs bill to guarantee rest breaks for nurses
- Has Astria Health improved patient care since acquiring Yakima Valley hospitals?

WYOMING
- BCBS of Wyoming CEO hands over role to insurer’s first female chief
- Hospital partners with TeleStroke Wyoming

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

CALIFORNIA
- Mendocino hospital seeks partner, buyer
- 144 cancer research office workers in California vote to unionize
- Behavioral Health Organization to Lay Off 74
- Sutter Health to Pay $30M in Medicare Advantage Settlement
- Marin Specialty Surgery Center plans big expansion as demand for outpatient procedures grows
- Kindred Healthcare Acquires Promise Hospital in Los Angeles
- Generations Healthcare CEO: Why We Built New SNFs in California, Nevada
COLORADO

- Boulder Community Health employees bid farewell to Broadway campus
- Developer plans surgery center in healthcare's new hotspot: Colorado Springs
- DaVita taps Javier Rodriguez as CEO
- DaVita CEO Kent Thiry leaving post after 20 years
- UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center expands partnership with Anthem to bring new program to Routt County
- Wade Tyrrell named CEO of Sterling Regional MedCenter
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- Hernia patient sues Colorado hospital after face-first tumble off operating table
- Plan-provider partnership looks to lower costs in northwest Colorado
- Colorado awarded $65 million to test plans to improve health care

HAWAII

- HMC cardiac unit proposal stalls
- Wilcox Medical Center on Kaua‘i getting $12.3 million upgrade
- FEMA funding $4 million to replace generators at Kauai’s Wilcox Hospital
- Hilo Medical Center Ups Security After 3 Employees Stabbed
- Nurses at North Hawaii Community Hospital to picket, highlighting various concerns

NEVADA

- NV Collaboration Using Health Data Exchange to Cut Readmissions
- Mitchell Asset Group Completes, Sells NV Health-Care Center
- Wanted: 25,000 DNA samples from Las Vegas for Healthy Nevada Project
- Generations Healthcare CEO: Why We Built New SNFs in California, Nevada

UTAH

- Transforming Healthcare: How University Of Utah Health Ditched Spreadsheets And Gained 30 Percent Efficiency
- University of Utah must pay whistleblower $216K in attorney fees, judge rules