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NATIONAL

- How CMS’ New Value-Based Bundled Payment Method Affects Healthcare Providers
- The Uber of prescription drugs: Web startups raise concerns about access to Rx medicine
- Cybersecurity lawsuit against Allscripts tossed by judge
- AMA's president-elect is Texas allergist, immunologist Dr. Susan Bailey
- CMS plans to release list of 400 troubled nursing homes following Senate report
- 5 hospitals, health systems already implementing AI
- 4 hospitals, health systems with large hiring plans
- 11 latest healthcare industry lawsuits, settlements
- CVS and Amazon are the biggest threats to healthcare organizations
- New AMA president: Time for physicians to create history together
- What hospitals should consider before changing security infrastructure
- The role of the chief medical social media officer
- American College of Surgeons’ new standards for geriatric patients
- CMS speeds up probes of hospital deaths, labor violation charges
- How the AMA plans to promote gender equity in healthcare
- Nation's largest doctor group rejects 'Medicare for all'
- 9 pharma bankruptcies this year
- Rural healthcare a top issue among voters for 2020

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- City opens Hope Street as Bristol Health launches $26 million medical center downtown
- Connecticut nursing home industry faces double-edged sword
- CT, Illinois demand health-data breach details
- CT regulator nixes St. Francis-Manchester cardiac collab
- Connecticut public option bill defeated in Senate
- Hospital officials break ground on new Winsted health facility
How Yale physicians turned a conference room into a pop-up flu clinic in 4 days

Report: CT top 5 nationally in state health system performance

MAINE

Bills tackling health care head to governor

Prescription drug reform moves ahead in Maine

MMC lands five-year grant to ‘transform’ the training of doctors

MMC expansion receives $10.5M in pledges, including largest-ever family donation

MASSACHUSETTS

Partners HealthCare Pulls Out of Hospital Merger Deal with CNE

Massachusetts puts transparency demands on PBMs as drug spend jumps 4%

Massachusetts patient awarded $11.5M in radiology malpractice suit

Boston Medical Center joins Avia’s Medicaid innovation project

Medical errors affect 20% of Massachusetts residents

CHIA good source of data about Mass. health care

Mass. facilities fight low reimbursement rates, high hospital salaries

Boston Children’s Hospital president: ‘Enabling others to build the best pediatric care’

Lawrence General Hospital now live on Meditech EHR

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Elliot Health System to break ground on new cancer center

New Hampshire hospital opens 2nd outpatient building in $50M project, 3rd slated for 2020

Portsmouth Regional, Parkland Medical Center earn patient safety award

Small NH hospital remains relevant as others struggle to survive

NEW YORK

Valhalla Nursing Home Among 17 Underperforming Facilities In NY

Renderings For Lenox Hill Hospital’s Show Two Towers On The Upper East Side

Northwell Health and Canyon Ranch sign strategic alliance

18-physician group, 2 New York hospitals advance $8M ASC project

More than 270 Mount Sinai physicians named to New York Magazine’s 2019 “Best Doctors” issue

As dispute-resolution bill advances, hospitals ramp up opposition

Wyoming County hospital acquires two medical practices

Hospital for Special Surgery creates medical leadership office to ensure high standards are met

WCCH adds doctors and other medical providers for expanded hospitalist program
NY faults Oswego nursing home in deaths of 2 residents

RHODE ISLAND

- Partners HealthCare Pulls Out of Hospital Merger Deal with CNE
- Rhode Island Hospital honors emergency center director
- St. Joseph pension plan $12M settlement with some defendants get preliminary approval

VERMONT

- MVP Health Care’s Denise Gonick to step down as CEO
- Vermont Gov. signs ASC licensure bill into law
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center launches new cardiac monitoring technology
- SVMC, D-H partner to provide specialty care for children via telemedicine

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELRWARE

- Delaware ASC recognized for quality improvement, safety efforts
- How Delaware officials want to tackle health care costs
- Nemours-Christiana Care partner on delivery of babies with diagnosed conditions
- 5 nursing facilities accused of ‘persistent poor care’
- Some of Delaware’s sickest babies will now be delivered at Nemours
- Nationwide Healthcare completes purchase of Bayhealth Hospital site

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- George Washington University Deeply Frustrated With Hospital’s Majority Owner
- Paul Corso, cardiac surgeon who performed high-risk procedure, dies at 74

MARYLAND

- Who’s who amid UMMS leadership shake-up, review after ‘Healthy Holly’ scandal
- Baltimore’s John Hopkins Hospital says it will allow nurses to unionize
- New biotech deals coming in Maryland
- 4 more University of Maryland Medical System leaders depart in wake of board scandal
- Baltimore hospital hires those with violent experiences to help patients
- University of Maryland Medical School Creates Palliative Care Division
- Baltimore hospitals partner with ride service firms to improve access, lower costs for patients
- Anne Arundel Health System hopes acquisition will advance vision of local care
- Review: Maryland medical board deals lacked full approval
Maryland medical devicemaker admits contamination of 30,000+ wound dressings

U of Maryland Medical System board names interim leadership, 11 new members after upheaval

Rockville medical network acquires two practices following $32M raise

NEW JERSEY

S.J. hospitals lead state in reducing unnecessary surgical births

Valley Hospital gets approval for $735M project

Positive signs reported in NJ’s opioid abuse battle

RWJBarnabas, Rutgers solidify academic medical center partnership with $750M cancer center plan

How a New Jersey health system’s CIO shifted the culture to make its 3rd EMR implementation a success

Healthcare improves in NJ, but spending remains a concern

PENNSYLVANIA

UPMC dropping prepayments policy for some patients

Penn Highlands Healthcare adds 5th hospital

Vawdrey takes helm as CDIO at Geisinger Health System

Letter to the editor: UPMC-Highmark relationship in Western Pa. won’t affect local landscape

Can Philadelphia be the next big biotech hub?

Pennsylvania ranked 20th in nation for nursing home complaints

How UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's new president aims to create ultimate patient care experience

Pennsylvania nursing homes get bad marks from national group

Pennsylvania HCR ManorCare workers rally outside ProMedica for union recognition

Weinstein retiring as president, CEO of Washington Health System

Central Pa. hospital gives up stun guns after wrongly using one on patient in mental crisis

Senate backs bill to expand role of nurse practitioners

Jefferson exec’s health care vision shaped by unique obstetrics career, wife’s cancer battle

VIRGINIA

SCC seeks to stop surprise billing of hospital patients

Virginia wants to cut down on surprise medical bills

Ballad ends surgeries at Norton hospital, catching patients and regulators by surprise

Valley Health CEO announces retirement

Ballad officials: Virginia health officials were notified before surgeries stopped at Norton hospital

Ballad Health ends surgeries at Mountain View Regional Hospital

Inova Health System selects new CFO, 3 other leaders
Report: Virginia ranked number 11 for most nursing home complaints in U.S.

WEST VIRGINIA
- WVU Medicine's heart transplant program nearing completion; kidneys program close behind
- WVU Medicine, Highmark strike long-term contract
- West Virginia ranks 5th for money spent on prescription drugs
- Wheeling Hospital receives accreditation for treating STEMI heart attacks
- New South Charleston hospital unit opens for infants suffering from opioid withdrawal

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

IOWA
- Physician shortage in Iowa and nation
- Living like a leader: A day with University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics CEO Suresh Gunasekaran
- Iowa hospital to bring back orthopedics
- Opening of $10.6M behavioral health center allows MercyOne chance to better serve North Iowa
- Spencer Hospital generated $46 million in economic impact last year
- CHI Health Missouri Valley appoints Jonathan Moe as president
- Iowa ranks first in national quality awards for long-term care
- MercyOne clinics in Perry, Panora to join Dallas County Hospital

KANSAS
- Kansas hospital eyes opening of rehab center focusing on orthopedics, spine
- Kansas health system finalizes surgical building acquisition
- His latest False Claims case is settled, but this Kansas doc is still fighting the DOJ
- Disability advocate claims Kansas nursing facilities for mentally ill ‘de facto warehouses’

MINNESOTA
- Oregon, Minnesota regarded best for nursing workplaces
- Minneapolis Med-Tech Startup Flywheel Lands Another $2.5M
- Q&A: Allina Health | Aetna CEO on the joint venture's first year
- Winona Health earns Minnesota Hospital Association award
- St. Luke's Health System appoints Kevin Nokels CEO

MISSOURI
- For rural Missourians, access to quality health care is a nightmare
- SSM Health Care reaches $60 million settlement in church plan case
SSM Health strikes $60M deal in pension plan case
Missouri hospitals report employee turnover rate near 20%
Missouri ranks 43rd in a new state-by-state health care scorecard
Ascension names interim CEO, new leadership team
Missouri hospital closes
MU Health revenues to set another record
How this St. Louis hospital cut C-section rates with better communication
How necessity helped this St. Louis company merge telemedicine with the ICU

NEBRASKA
New hospital to be only small part of 108-acre development
Nebraska AG concerned about health care costs, transparency
To prevent strokes, Nebraska Medicine's clinic puts heart and head together
Nebraska stands alone while the rest of the U.S. sues OxyContin's maker over opioid abuse

NORTH DAKOTA
Rural emergency: North Dakota ambulance services fight alarming lack of EMTs
CHI St. Alexius Health, Carrington named top 20 critical access hospital
New North Dakota hospital takes shape with ideas from the community and staff

SOUTH DAKOTA
South Dakota mental health helpline hails surge in calls
South Dakota nursing home closure renews Medicaid debate
Regional Health to participate in research initiative
Native American Health Board to Operate Most of Hospital
Forbes ranks Avera as South Dakota's best employer

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

ILLINOIS
CT, Illinois demand health-data breach details
Illinois nurses to continue fight for mandated nurse-patient ratios, despite bill’s failure
Illinois Nursing Homes Receive $240M Funding Increase
Understaffed Nursing Homes Face Big Fines in Illinois
Multistate dermatology practice affiliates with Rush University Medical Center
Quorum to discontinue inpatient operations at MetroSouth hospital in Illinois
Nurses' union hits U. of C. Medical Center with complaints
MetroSouth Medical Center could close by end of year if no buyer is found: owner
Rush names new outpatient center after Chicago bakers
Chicago nursing homes settle for $10M in Medicare fraud suits
Nurses charge University of Chicago hospital with patient neglect
Advocate Aurora Health offers early retirement buyouts to hundreds
Chicago hospital to close if buyer isn't found

INDIANA
$3.6 million to settle hospital kickbacks
IU Health distribution center plans to deliver to ASCs
Orthopedic Hospital gets national honor
IU Health to Provide Urgent Care for Veterans
Dan Konow named CEO for Lutheran Health Physicians
How One Hospital Drastically Cut Opioid Prescriptions
How Indiana’s Healthcare System Compares To Nation

KENTUCKY
U of L getting close to key deadline in KentuckyOne Health talks
KentuckyOne Health came within hours of pulling funding for U of L amid deal talks
Ky. hospital pulling out of backup ambulance agreement
Nursing home, pharmacy to pay nearly $13M in judge’s death
Pikeville Medical Center Adopts Indoor GPS Technology
Louisville to become a hub for AI in healthcare with Microsoft support
Why Walmart is raising $3M for Norton Children’s Hospital
St. Claire HealthCare to reduce staff, spending
U of L won’t buy Kentucky One Health assets
University of Louisville ends talks to buy KentuckyOne assets, including Jewish Hospital

MICHIGAN
Payroll company introduces HIPAA compliance service
More than a dozen hospitals in rural Michigan at ‘high risk’ of closing
Henry Ford Health System Payer Arm Acquires Detroit Medicaid Plan
Michigan hospitals work to safely reduce rising C-section rate
Reshaping patient care in Southwest Michigan
UP Health System-Marquette appoints Jerry Dooley interim CEO

OHIO

- MetroHealth CEO: Our chance to make Cleveland healthy ‘is slipping away’
- MetroHealth’s Boutros: Big Fancy Hospitals Don’t Matter
- 40-bed rehabilitation hospital proposed in Dublin
- MetroHealth’s Buckeye Health Center to feature wraparound services, social support for patients on poverty’s edge
- Community Support Services’ primary care clinic now open to general public
- Paper charts, payment & competition — 4 insights from an Ohio ASC administrator
- Ensemble Health looks to grow with new investor, CEO says
- What Cleveland Clinic looks for in the ideal IT team member — it isn’t just technical knowledge: Q&A with CIO Ed Marx
- Mercy Health St. Rita’s announces plans to build medical education center
- Healthcare RCM provider seeks to fill 1,100 jobs in Cincinnati by 2020
- Toledo mayor blasts Mercy Health over St. Vincent nurses’ strike
- Cleveland VA’s CEO retires to lead MetroHealth’s efforts to solve health disparities
- Cincinnati Children’s among best in U.S. at inclusive hiring, job quality
- MetroHealth System names Susan Fuehrer to lead health equity efforts
- Kowal Named CFO at Akron Children’s Hospital

WISCONSIN

- Fairview Health buys three clinics in western Wisconsin
- Germantown-based Preceptor Health Care acquired by California company
- Telemedicine could increase health care accessibility in rural areas
- Alverno explores remedy for region’s health care shortfall with expansion of medical curriculum
- Advocate Aurora Health offers early retirement buyouts to hundreds
- Froedtert & MCW plan new Sussex health center

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Alabama regional medical center project awarded $2.9M
- UAB’s Viva Health named in national list of top places to work
- Alabama adopts multistate license to help with nursing shortage
- In Alabama, one rural town reached for its wallet to keep its hospital open
- Judge closes Flowers Hospital data breach case
How a rural Alabama town helped save its hospital

FLORIDA
- Local hospitals using advanced brain imaging software to better treat stroke patients
- Florida Universities Get Creative to Meet Demand for Nurses
- Florida biotech firm aimed at cancer sells for $70 million
- Opinion: Freestanding emergency department will bring convenience
- Downtown Tampa needs a 'medical district,' hospital CEO says
- Why ASCs will succeed in value-based care + more insights from a Florida ASC administrator
- Lee Health CEO gets $44,000 raise, other hospital salary increases on tap for 2020
- USF Health, Tampa General Hospital Strengthen Relationship
- U.S. settles False Claims cases against Sarasota home health agency
- Michael Alexander appointed CEO of Jamestown Regional Medical Center
- Baptist Health suggests new ASCs, patient towers for new affiliate
- Lee Health board of directors announces new governance structure
- Physician Partners of America buys California ASC, pain center
- Hospital projects in Tampa Bay get state go-ahead

GEORGIA
- Nine Georgia nursing homes qualify for 'special focus'
- Georgia Health News Report: The Troubled Nursing Homes You May Not Know About
- Phoebe Putney Health System named one of Georgia's best employers
- Dr. Phillip Coule named interim CEO of AU Medical Center
- AAPHC opens another women's health center
- Atlanta health care solutions company buys public health organization for $70M

MISSISSIPPI
- Mississippi County Could Loan $3M to Hospital
- 6 Mississippi nursing homes among problematic US centers
- Pearl River County could lend $3 million to hospital

NORTH CAROLINA
- UNC cancer center banks $1 million gift from Triad couple
- ECU makes first public statement on Vidant dispute
- Wilson Medical Center has new COO
- Vidant Health gives CEO 5-year extension amid an ongoing dispute with the UNC System
- SeHealth wants second linear accelerator to treat cancer patients
- Gov. Cooper and state reveal new, updated plan to combat the opioid epidemic
- Pardee UNC Health Care elects three new board members
- Updated North Carolina opioid action plan released at summit
- Novant touts $1.8 billion direct economic impact on Triad in 2018
- Wake Forest Baptist birthing center set to be unveiled this month; medical center will again compete with Forsyth Medical
- ECU calls on Vidant, County to reverse changes
- Novant, Cone reviewing controversial SHP provider contract
- Wake Forest Baptist Opens Occupational Medicine Practice
- N.C. debt overseer sends Atrium Health packing

**SOUTH CAROLINA**
- Patient takes stun gun from security, zaps nurse in hospital emergency room, SC cops say
- South Carolina medical clinic forms national telehealth partnership, expands care to 40+ specialties
- South Carolina submits a request for Medicaid work requirements
- South Carolina health system plans ASC for newly opened health plaza
- SPOTLIGHT: S.C. Hospital Association

**TENNESSEE**
- Parkridge Health implements alert system to help identify sepsis
- East Tennessee physicians working to prevent doctor burnout
- HCA looks to raise nearly $5 billion
- Two major local health care players partner on new innovation lab
- Quorum to divest California hospital
- What's new at Tennova North? Sole remaining north Knoxville hospital adding services
- Why are so many small-town Tennessee hospitals failing?
- East Tennessee gets 1st specialty ASC of its kind
- Jamestown Hospital Cuts Staff But Vows To Stay Open Amid Loss Of Federal Payments
- Orthopedic rehab center to open in Tennessee
- Ballad Health files motion to dismiss lawsuit alleging board member conflicts of interest
- Tennessee hospital blames billing system switch for financial troubles
- Becker's Hospital Review Names TeamHealth Among "150 Top Places to Work in Healthcare" for Fifth Consecutive Year
- Tennessee Urology Announces New Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Tennessee center eyes need-based specialty growth for $115K
New CEO shares vision for struggling Jamestown hospital
New hospital CEO shares vision for future

SOUTHWEST
(Arkanas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

ARKANSAS
- CHI St. Vincent Completes $30M Neuroscience Institute
- 6 Arkansas nursing homes on poor-performing list
- Arkansas hospital completes $30M neuroscience institute
- Arkansas ophthalmologists look to ballot to undo new eye surgery law

ARIZONA
- ASU, Dignity Health continue to redefine health care collaboration
- OIG Nabs AZ Hospital for Submitting Inaccurate Wage Index Data
- CFO Jeff Froisland on Mayo Clinic’s goals, expansion plans in Arizona
- State didn’t collect $36 million in drug rebates, federal audit finds
- Arizona hospital’s website down for 2+ months due to security incident
- Banner opens new urgent care in Downtown Phoenix

LOUISIANA
- Louisiana to ban freestanding ERs to protect rural hospitals
- Louisiana Medicaid program spending $400M under projections
- Ochsner eyes early fall takeover of Teche Regional
- Pediatric ICU opens at St. Tammany hospital
- Louisiana probed possible conflicts of interest in LSU contracts
- Louisiana startup behind MultiNix tool secures agreement with Medline

NEW MEXICO
- New Mexico damage cap increase threatens patient care access
- Presbyterian opens ‘first-of-its-kind’ project
- New Mexico Intensifies Efforts to Battle Ongoing Opioid Crisis
- New Emergency Room & Micro-Hospital Now Open in Albuquerque
- Study: New Mexico gets low ranking for nursing home care
- UNMH Workers Picket As Contract Negotiations Stall
- Presbyterian to open one of SW’s largest specialty surgical centers

OKLAHOMA
Teva settles with Oklahoma for $85M in opioid case
Senior living CEO named director of Oklahoma’s largest state agency
Oklahoma's health system among the nation's worst, study finds
Oklahoma judge wants more answers on $85M opioid settlement
‘Major breakthrough’: Oklahoma doctors unveil revolutionary cancer treatment

TEXAS

AMA’s president-elect is Texas allergist, immunologist Dr. Susan Bailey
Tenet Healthcare is leaving downtown Dallas with HQ move to Farmers Branch
Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas debut baby cameras in NICU
CEO to leave Ascension Texas, parent of Seton hospitals
Texas Health’s Dyad Leadership Model: Risks and Rewards
Caravan Health, Texas Hospital Association launch Medicare ACO
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center working on corrective action following investigation into ‘adverse event’
Jackson County Hospital District recognized for patient satisfaction
HCA Healthcare seeks administrator for yet-to-open Texas ASC
Report: Texas Ranks Last In U.S. In Health Care Access And Affordability
Medical City Plano and Frisco Name a New CEO

NORTHWEST

ALASKA

State awards contract for Medicaid block grant study
Health care highlights in Alaska’s budget

IDAHO

Patient’s death is a sign of deeper problems with home care in Idaho, workers say
St. Luke’s in Boise opens Idaho’s first-ever pediatric trauma program
Idaho health scorecard shows slow improvements in many public health markers
Boise area health care providers debut new clinics for primary, urgent care
Surgical group announces joint venture with Eastern Idaho hospitals

MONTANA

Bozeman Health plans to begin construction on $20M clinic this summer
Kalispell Regional Healthcare’s new pediatric facility prepares to open
Providence Montana to break ground on new medical facility
Report shines light on troubled Montana nursing homes

OREGON
- Oregon, Minnesota regarded best for nursing workplaces
- Portland healthtech startup raises cash from top VCs to rethink the urgent care experience for kids
- Unity Center nurses get go-ahead for union election
- Legislators Try To Make Hospitals Justify Their Nonprofit Status
- Washington County judge holds state hospital in contempt

WASHINGTON
- How Providence St. Joseph Health’s venture fund approaches digital innovation
- Wash. state leads nation in nursing home deficiencies, study finds
- PeaceHealth named top place to work in health care
- How Seattle made positive improvements to health care
- Providence St. Joseph invests $1.6B in social determinants of health
- Seattle Children’s To Invest Up To $8M In Workforce Housing Project

WYOMING
- Hospitals in Wyoming charging significantly more than Medicare, national study finds
- Dowell: WMC partnership will keep expenses down and patients close to home
- Feds watching Cheyenne healthcare center

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

CALIFORNIA
- St. Mary’s doctors unanimously approve no-confidence vote in hospital president, but executives say they will keep her on board
- Quorum to divest California hospital
- Los Angeles doctor guilty in $33M Medicare billing scam
- Orthopedic institute opens new specialty clinic in California
- Northridge Hospital Medical Center selects Betsy Hart as COO
- Physician Partners of America buys California ASC, pain center
- California to become first state to provide health care to undocumented immigrants
- Santa Cruz hospital plans $360M expansion
- California healthcare system lowers layoff estimate
- Nurse Protests at Tenet Hospitals in California

COLORADO
UCHealth continues to grow on Memorial North campus

State of Growth: Are hospitals keeping up with demand in southern Colorado?

Colorado is creating a network of doctors to diagnose child abuse and keep kids from slipping through the safety net

Children’s Hospital Colorado North Campus Expansion Tops Out

CSU partners with CU School of Medicine to open medical school branch

HAWAII

Troubled Nursing Homes In Hawaii Named, Kohala Hospital Responds

Solutions in the Works for Hawai‘i’s Doctor Shortage

Queen’s Health Systems, Kaiser agreement expires

Patient speaks out on staff turnover, pay inequality at Hawaii hospital

Hawaii health system joins statewide HIE

Queen’s launches new internal app to better access Electronic Medical Records

Loss of 2 key specialists at Hilo hospital underscores scope of doctors shortage

Hawaii HIE seeks to increase EHR interoperability

Kaiser files lawsuit against Queen’s following contract expiration at end of May

NEVADA

Nevada orthopedic clinic breaks ground on 76,000-square-foot expansion

Nevada ranks near last in overall health care despite gains in number of insured adults, children

Nevada hospital completes $7M orthopedic ASC

Nevada Hospitals Must Tackle Workplace Violence Under New Law

UTAH

Ogden nursing home 1 of 5 in Utah outed in federal report on 'substandard care' at America’s care centers

Utah’s latest Medicaid waiver proposal isn’t popular with the public or members of a state advisory committee

2 Utah health care companies named among best places to work

Intermountain, R1 RCM collaborate to launch Salt Lake tech center

Sanpete Valley Hospital CEO receives prestigious award

Legislative health care priorities this interim