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NATIONAL
- 4 legislative updates impacting ASCs
- Senate health care bill: Where we are now
- Telehealth Licensure Compact for Nurses Gets the Green Light
- Healthcare CEO pay climbs steadily since ACA passage
- Hospital Stocks Slide After HCA Healthcare’s Earnings Stumble
- Analysis: 6 medical specialties with at least $1.5M more ROI than investment bankers
- Economic Pressures Weigh on Specialty Physician Compensation
- HIMSS names Harold ‘Hal’ Wolf CEO: 4 things to know
- Republican ‘repeal-only’ health care measure fails in Senate
- Number of actively licensed physicians increased 12% since 2010
- Task Force Suggests Amendments to Stark Law, Anti-Kickback Statute
- GAO Calls for Making EHRs More User Friendly to Boost Utilization
- CMS releases proposed home health payment rule: 9 things to know
- Senate narrowly rejects measure to partly repeal Obamacare, after 3 Republicans break with party

NORTHEAST
(Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont)
- 6 Connecticut nursing homes fined by state for violations
- Eastern Connecticut Health Network names Michael Collins permanent CEO: 4 things to know
- Conn. Hospitals, Tech Firm Coordinate Patient-Sharing Information
- Connecticut nursing board disciplines 4 nurses

MAINE
- MaineGeneral Health plan aims to mend fiscal year losses
- Maine Center Gets $20M Grant for Biomedical Research Group

MASSACHUSETTS
- Massachusetts hospital to lay off 39 with planned closure of obstetrics unit
- Tewksbury Hospital fires employee after long-term snooping
Boston startup Circulation raises $10.5M to bring health care to the home

Cleveland Clinic, Boston Children's Hospital teaming up on cardiac care

Berkshire Medical Center nurses vote to authorize a strike

Alexion cuts ties with two Cambridge biotechs in reorganization

**NEW YORK**

- New York, Justice Department secure $4.4 million settlement with health care provider
- Health care provider with $996 million New York contract announces cuts to national workforce
- Michael Breslin Named Chief Financial Officer of NewYork-Presbyterian
- Epic rollout at New York hospital backed by $5.7 million state grant
- Area health care facilities get $11M boost
- NewYork-Presbyterian launches pediatric telehealth option
- WebMD is sold

**RHODE ISLAND**

- Feud over backup doctor coverage dividing 2 RI hospitals
- Memorial Hospital merger legislation signed into law
- Lonks named Miriam outstanding physician of the year.

**VERMONT**

- Grace Cottage Hospital CEO announces his retirement
- RRMC President Tom Huebner receives 'Fire Starter Hall of Fame' award
- UVM Medical Center notifies patients of email ‘Phishing’ incident

**MID-ATLANTIC / EAST**

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

**DELAWARE**

- $10 million donation to support Beebee Healthcare expansion
- Dept. of Insurance launches public comment page on Highmark rate increase

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- Sibley Memorial Hospital plans to cut staff through buyouts
- Sibley Memorial seeks buyouts to close ‘significant budget gap’
- Former health care exec sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison for shareholder fraud
MARYLAND

- McCready Health names new chief executive
- Annapolis medical device firm raises $1.5 million seed round
- MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center to open $70M surgical center
- CareFirst CEO: Anne Arundel Medical dispute involves $13M increase in fees
- CareFirst puts price tag on dispute with Anne Arundel Medical Center
- Maryland regulators suspend Evergreen Health from market as investor seeks to save it
- Evergreen Health investors pull out of deal to create for-profit insurer

NEW JERSEY

- Pharmaceutical company Celgene settles suit for $280 million
- New Jersey Hospital Association Institute Leads in Quality Improvement
- NJ Telemedicine Law Delayed By Concerns About Veterinarian Use
- Hospital will pay city $5.56M to avoid property taxes
- CarePoint getting closer to in-network agreement with Horizon
- Rutgers, RWJBarnabas to partner on academic health care system
- Summit Medical Group bringing its health care model to western U.S.
- Tenet Diagnostics appoints new chief medical officer
- Rutgers, RWJBarnabas partner on physician assistant initiative
- Nearly 1,500 nurses at Hackensack Meridian hospitals authorize strike

PENNSYLVANIA

- Jameson fully connects with UPMC technology
- New five-year contract between Independence and Jefferson
- Hanover Hospital commits to modernizing with new partnership
- Universal Health Services profit falls $3 million in second quarter, for-profit hospital operator lowers outlook
- AHN posts best midyear financials in years
- Local biopharm firm raises $62M, another gets $42M in funding

VIRGINIA

- Bath Community Hospital hires new CFO: 3 notes
- New CEO named at Henrico-based PartnerMD
- CEO of Virginia Health Care Tech Company Sentenced for $49 Million fraud
Sentara Norfolk names Carolyn Carpenter as COO, VP

WEST VIRGINIA
- Raleigh General improving new RN orientation process
- CAMC to Cut 300 Positions by the End of 2017

CENTRAL
(*Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota*)
- Jury awards $4.5 million to former Grinnell hospital worker in age discrimination suit
- Cedar Rapids doctor finally receives certificate of need for surgery center

IOWA
- KU Medical Center opens $82 million Health Education Building
- Candor Healthcare buys ASC operations from Kansas medical group: 4 things to know
- KU Health's takeover should alter contraception rules at Topeka hospital

MINNESOTA
- St. Joseph's Hospital to stop delivering babies
- Riverwood breaks ground for Aitkin clinic expansion
- Commentary: Why Minnesotans should pay attention to hospital consolidation

MISSOURI
- Missouri doctor grapples with state's high rate of deaths in childbirth
- Money-losing mid-Missouri hospital set to close next month
- Leawood hospital operator will close Fulton facility
- Chesterfield pediatrics administrator swindled $115,000 from firm, charges say
- Two University of Missouri Physicians Plead Guilty to Health Care Fraud
- HCA poaches half of Kansas health system's cardiologist team

NEBRASKA
- Report: Bryan Health does most Medicare procedures in state
- Nebraska Medicine is first health system in Omaha area to launch its own doctor rating system online
- Nebraska Medicine plans new clinic in Elkorn area
NORTH DAKOTA
- Sanford gets ready for ‘monumental’ move to new hospital
- New Sanford Hospital in south Fargo prepares for opening
- Avera Queen of Peace to launch hospitalist program in August

SOUTH DAKOTA
- Mercy Medical Center Creates $192.5 million impact on local economy
- Report: Mercy, UnityPoint keep local economy healthy

MIDWEST (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin)
- Springfield hospital system awarded for using tech to improve health
- Outcome Health promotes new COO
- Jerseyville nursing home fined $25k, plans to appeal after patient death
- Aurora exec retires from health care group, but not volunteering
- Illinois hospital’s cardiology loss continues to hurt bottom line
- Rush system names Carl Bergetz CLO

INDIANA
- Schneck adding pediatrics center: Company expanding services at former Laurel Place office building
- Hospital systems blitzing area with urgent care centers
- Indiana’s Potential as a Leader in Healthcare Tech
- Columbus Regional Health Acquires Former Hotel
- How good is Reid at using technology? Pretty great, actually
- St. Vincent Names Region President
- Prescription drug distributor opens central Indiana facility
- Indiana hospitals rank high in serving rural, remote areas
- Good Samaritan Expanding Primary Care Services
- ’Options Open’ For Potential Anthem Mergers, Acquisitions
- Anthem Profit Perks Up

KENTUCKY
- KentuckyOne ousts Jewish Hospital president, chief nursing officer ahead of expected sale
Hardin Memorial Health to buy Meade County Primary Care
Jewish Hospital leadership shifts under specter of sale
$12.5 million senior-care facility to open soon in Prospect
This area hospital has upgraded its women’s center

**MICHIGAN**
- DMC exec to become Detroit health dept medical director
- After 75 years, Midland hospital building leveled for $57 million heart center
- DMC cuts staff by at least 18, restructures management
- Tenet Completes $850 Million Detroit Project
- Spectrum Health, national provider invest in $7.8M long-term acute facility
- MidMichigan Health demolishes building to pave way for $57M heart and vascular center

**OHIO**
- Health-care price transparency faces opposition in Ohio from hospitals and doctors
- Springfield hospital system awarded for using tech to improve health
- Mount Carmel picks for-profit joint venture partner to build $26M psychiatric hospital
- Ohio Valley Health Center to reopen in downtown Steubenville
- Ohio health care companies to pay $19.5 million to settle charges of false claims
- Cleveland Clinic, Boston Children’s Hospital teaming up on cardiac care
- University Hospitals joins Medical Mutual of Ohio’s SuperMed network
- 4 years in, Global Center for Health Innovation is 20% vacant and has no leader
- MetroHealth System to form non-profit to revitalize W. 25th Street neighborhood

**WISCONSIN**
- Agnesian HealthCare offers easy access to health care providers’ notes
- Wisconsin faces critical shortage of care workers for disabled and elderly
- Bellin Health holds ribbon-cutting for Titletown facility
- University of Wisconsin-Madison health system joins forces with UnityPoint Health-Meriter
- Bayfield County Board To Hold Public Hearing On Northern Lights Nursing Home
- Marshfield Clinic Health System partners with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals
- Novascan raising up to $2 million round
- Orthopedic Institute to move office on Mayfair Road
SOUTH / SOUTHEAST
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

ALABAMA
- Health insurer plans Alabama expansion, will partner with Brookwood
- EAMC's retiring leader reflects on humble beginnings, hospital's progress
- Flowers Hospital announces new Chief Operating Officer
- Alabama Medicaid puts reform plan on hold
- Claimed ‘naturopathic doctor’ pleads guilty to defrauding patients at Hoover clinic

FLORIDA
- Sonas Home Health Care Group Names Industry Veteran Patrick Daly CEO
- Sacred Heart unveils pediatric care facility
- Florida medical community has few options after cap on non-economic damages shot down
- CHS sells Florida’s Highlands Regional Medical Center to HCA as part of planned divestitures
- New West Florida Hospital affiliation aims to attract ‘top talent’ to Pensacola
- HCA acquires second hospital from CHS in 2 weeks
- Broward Health credit rating downgraded, as report slams marketing contract
- Doctors With Multiple Malpractice Settlements Face Little Discipline In Florida
- Year after posting $4M in sales, Broward pharmacy files Chapter 11
- State OKs new 100-bed UCF Lake Nona teaching hospital; construction to start within 18 months

GEORGIA
- Redmond Regional Medical gets approval for $13.9 million surgical suite project
- Georgia Healthcare Group Acquires Two Hospitals For GBP3 Million
- Jackson Healthcare Names CIO
- David Koontz steps down as CEO of St. Francis Hospital
- Pro Health holds ribbon cutting
- South Georgia Medical Center appoints new CDO

NORTH CAROLINA
- NC legislators drop lawsuit challenging Cooper’s attempt to expand Medicaid under Obamacare
- Mission Health board inks op-ed on BCBS feud: 5 things to know
- Emergency room gets facelift
Mission Health and Cigna sign multi-year agreement

Randolph opens new emergency services hub in Asheboro

Duke among 10 ‘blue-chip’ hospitals lagging in some surgery outcomes, says report

Doctor’s office closes abruptly leaving patients without prescriptions, medical records

Cancer clinic closes at Morehead Hospital

NHRMC to break ground on new orthopedic hospital

Vidant, ECU sign agreement to integrate physician practices

Investigation: NC Adult Care Homes System Under Fire, with Oversight Inconsistent, Unreliable

SOUTH CAROLINA

Business leaders tour construction site of new MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital

As deadline looms to sign contracts, MUSC doctors express outrage about new compensation plan

TENNESSEE

Scott County hospital to reopen Aug. 8

Tennova Regional Jackson CEO retires, search for new CEO underway

CHI to close Chattanooga clinic

Antioch Pain Clinic Settles Charges That It Bilked Medicare

HCA Begins Hospital Buying Spree After Years Of Laying Low

In Appalachia, Two Hospital Giants Seek State-Sanctioned Monopoly

Nashville hospital giants strike another deal

Vanderbilt Doctor Solving Problem Of Unnecessary Hospital Noise

Critical Care Access status is critical to future of Houston County Community Hospital

Vanderbilt hospital to pay millions over Medicare fraud allegations

Patient experience training firm lands investment

Construction starts on long-awaited Unicoi Co. hospital

CHS exec named COO of surgical hospital venture

CHS expects $137M net loss in Q2, says divestitures will continue

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

UAMS Health System names Tim Hill as COO

Brian Reemtsen to Lead Arkansas Children's Heart Institute
Arkansas Health Insurers Seek Rate Hikes of 8 to 22 Percent

Arizona
- Phoenix Children’s Hospital names CFO: 4 things to know
- Walgreens moving 500 jobs to Chandler

Louisiana
- Amedisys to pay $43.8 million to settle Medicare fraud allegations
- Frazier leaves Teche Regional to ‘pursue other opportunities
- Champion Medical Center facility in north Baton Rouge closes
- Our Lady of the Lake acquires 360 Orthocare in Covington

New Mexico
- CEO: Cancer center staffing progresses daily
- Nurse accused of stealing drugs

Oklahoma
- Microhospitals On The Horizon In Oklahoma City
- Hospital implements LEAN principles to boost efficiencies

Texas
- Parkland System Names New EVP and CFO
- Emergency Room Wait Times Getting Longer in North Texas
- Tenet Completes $850 Million Detroit Project
- Baylor Scott & White Health Tops Off Star Sports Therapy and Research Center
- Medical City Healthcare taps Laura Irvine as chief administrative officer
- Medical City Dallas Tops Off Structural Phase of Women’s Hospital
- Texas Nurse Gets 4 Years in Prison in $375M Health Care Scam
- Memorial Hermann CFO to leave for Banner Health
- CHI St. Luke’s Health in negotiations to manage Trinity Memorial Hospital District

Northwest

Alaska
- Several issues stick in hospital operating agreement
Medical center submits certificate of need for additional beds
Alaska City to Seek More Hospital Proposals

IDAHO
Idaho hospital to cease inpatient services
Portneuf Medical Center prepares for eclipse

MONTANA
Medicaid providers say state health department putting unfair share of cuts on them
Tech hosts camp for next generation of health care professionals

OREGON
Saint Alphonsus, other Ore. hospitals agree to bump up tax rate
New state report looks at varied hospital procedure prices
Nurses at odds with Asante’s RRMC

WASHINGTON
Regional hospitals create network to prepare for disaster
State will reconsider Harrison hospital relocation proposal
Snoqualmie Valley Hospital receives trauma center designation, makes progress in affiliation process
Community Health Systems Gets $425 million for Rockwood Health System
Jury orders Olympus to pay $6.6 million but rejects claims its medical scopes are unsafe
Providence taps Microsoft executive as chief financial officer

WYOMING
Wyoming hospital at risk of losing Medicare, Medicaid funding
Wyoming hospital faces increased oversight after investigation into patient’s discharge

WEST
(California, Colorado, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA
Whistleblower’s Physician Kickback Allegations Cost Pacific Alliance Med Center $42M
Goodbye, Gentiva Home Health, hello Kindred At Home
Alphabet invests in Bay Area biotech startup, builds it a new lab on Verily campus
Molina Healthcare to eliminate about 1,400 jobs: 6 things to know
Providence St. Joseph Health names CFO: 4 things to know
Lucile Packard Children's head of patient experience answers 5 Q's on $1.1B patient-centered expansion

COLORADO
- Banner Health partners with radiologists for services in NoCo
- Study: Colorado hospital staffing company causing spikes in medical bills
- Audit: Colorado health marketplace sustainable _ for now
- DaVita CEO Thiry ends speculation regarding 2018 gubernatorial bid
- Under-staffed Colorado hospital lifts 'no-breaks' message
- Colorado health-insurance exchange gets mixed reviews in audit

NEVADA
- City and hospital looking to move forward
- Looking back on the NRMC fiscal year

UTAH
- Utah HIE Links Three Western Health Information Exchanges
- Intermountain Healthcare is First System in Nation to Remove the Needle from Blood Draws
- Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals Announces Family Leave Policy