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NATIONAL

- MGMA calls for CMS to enforce health plans’ HIPAA compliance
- Senators Seek Solutions to Disappearing Rural EDs
- Health care CEOs lead the way in pay
- How Amazon’s digital health moves could affect providers
- Pfizer Settles False Claims Allegations for $24M
- 8 latest healthcare industry lawsuits
- Do Most Hospitals Benefit from Directly Employing Physicians?
- Is your hospital ready for the many challenges of precision medicine?
- A Cloudy HIT Policy Picture is Beginning to Clear Up
- IBM Watson Health Cuts Work Force, According to News Outlets
- 4 new types of healthcare deals we’re seeing
- Best Buy is looking into healthcare with an eye toward seniors
- Medicare readmission rates vary widely among BPCI Advanced conditions
- Home Health Ready to Fight Pre-Claim Review’s Dreaded Return

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Woman Gets $345,000 in Discrimination Suit With Hospital
- AFC urgent care centers, WCMG form partnership
- St. Vincent’s opens state-of-the-art lab
- Western CT Health Network aligns with urgent care provider
- CT: Opioid prescriptions in ‘17 down 14%
- Gov. Malloy inks two health care bills

MAINE

- Waldo County General Hospital begins emergency room construction project
- HealthInfoNet names Shaun Alfreds as CEO
- Penobscot Community Health Center adds infusion center
Grand Rounds, a San Francisco-based startup, is staffing up in Lewiston

**MASSACHUSETTS**
- New report points out medical mistakes at Children's Hospital
- Surgery center opens in Shrewsbury, promising more affordable care
- HealthAlliance expansion gets share of $109M windfall
- UMass-Reliant-Shields to open $31M Shrewsbury surgical center
- Steward Health Care pressured doctors to restrict referrals outside chain, suit says
- The cradle of biotech: Companies and people that made Mass. into the world's biotech hub
- Former Brigham surgeon to lead UMass Memorial Medical Center
- UMass Memorial to close Leominster, Fitchburg services
- UMass Memorial gets $109M bond for renovations
- Baystate Franklin, nurses strike tentative labor deal

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**
- New Hampshire hospitals, state on cusp of a reset over payment dispute
- New Hampshire officials, hospitals arrange 7-year deal over uncompensated care
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock to get increase from NH for uncompensated care

**NEW YORK**
- Roswell Park now $1M closer to Central New York site
- Viewpoint: State-mandated nurse ratios would hurt patient safety
- New York will spend millions on advanced manufacturing, health care workforce programs
- NYP CEO Corwin on flirting with Amazon, telemedicine and AI
- No more rented offices for city hospitals, chief says
- New York City physician sues former patient for $1M over negative Yelp review

**RHODE ISLAND**
- Partners Healthcare has finalised a deal to acquire Care New England
- R.I.’s $2.8-billion in Medicaid spending a ‘worthwhile investment,’ report says
- South County Health president & CEO announces retirement
- Women & Infants appoints new president and COO
- University Orthopedics opens East Providence facility

**VERMONT**
- UVM Medical Center recognized for environmental efforts
- Keene Medical reverses course and will continue partnership with Vermont Medicaid
UVM Medical Center gets green light to purchase $22M in nearby property

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Unity Health Relocates DC HQ
- The Stanley Cup game plan for MedStar? Keep the Caps healthy.
- 11 Greater Washington companies win spots on $1B military health contract

MARYLAND

- Judge gives Anne Arundel Medical Center the green light for a cardiac ASC
- Trio of Maryland health bills signed into law
- Maryland Health Connection gears up for 2018 health insurance enrollment

NEW JERSEY

- Wise to Retire from HMC, Hunterdon Healthcare System
- Deckmann named CEO of CarePoint Health
- OneHealth information network gains first member
- Conspirator gets prison term in massive health fraud scheme
- New Jersey hospital nurses bring in federal mediator after authorizing strike
- Murphy signs individual health care mandate law
- Former drug company sales rep admits bribing NJ doctors
- Bayshore Medical Center reopens ICU after fire and water damage
- CarePoint Health taps former Optum exec as CEO

PENNSYLVANIA

- Is your loved one in a nursing home? We want to hear from you
- Pennsylvania rural hospitals to pilot global payment model
- The CEO of a Philadelphia ACO Shares Her Perspectives on the Path Forward for Patient Engagement
- Lehigh Valley health care providers march toward telehealth, but insurers slow to follow
- Lancaster nursing home formerly run by Skyline has a new operator
- Workforce shortages challenge local healthcare providers
- Penn State Health to acquire another medical practice, this one focused on cancer
- How the opioid crisis is changing how Philadelphia emergency room doctors care for patients
- Makosky named CEO of Fulton County hospital
- Pennsylvania hospitals sue Penn-affiliated hospital for $9 million in ‘bogus’ claims
Berks nursing home among those sold to new owners

Telemedicine approach improves genetic counseling at community-based cancer care

Jefferson CEO makes list of ‘most creative’ people in business

Software helps Pennsylvania Dermatology Partners with patient engagement

Pharmacists help reduce hospital readmissions at Einstein Philadelphia

WellSpan opening second Lancaster County urgent care center

Dauphin County health care information firm names new executive team

Fulton County Medical Center names new CEO

Somerset Hospital promotes COO to CEO

VIRGINIA

Virginia set to expand Medicaid, pass state budget

Medarva West Creek Surgery Center undergoes expansion

Gridlock over: Virginia lawmakers approve Medicaid expansion

WEST VIRGINIA

Raleigh General doctor completes 500 da Vinci surgeries

St. Joseph's Hospital named one of the safest in West Virginia

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

University of Iowa Health Care asks for help collecting bills

Iowa Medicaid has been overbilled $25 million, but the state’s collection efforts have serious flaws

UI Health Care names new CFO

Mercy psychiatric hospital sought for Clive, would operate as joint venture

Keller named chief medical officer of Mercy

KANSAS

Tyson grant to aid Kearny County Hospital

'It does something for your soul': St. Francis wound center treats whole person

Wesley names new chief financial officer

MINNESOTA

St. Luke's Health Care swings to black in Q1

Paramedic and EMT shortage being felt in Southeastern Minnesota

Minnesota asks Medicaid to pay for more drug treatment
$800 million Essentia Health campus plans progress
Call it reconstructive surgery: $800M Duluth hospital project is record for city’s downtown
Mayo Clinic Switching Approach to Rural Health Care in Adams
Dayton signs off on scaled-back Regions Hospital expansion plan
Smiths in talks to merge Minnesota-based medical-device business with California company
Hennepin County Medical Center’s VP of Revenue Cycle Niobis Queiro shares tips for gaining physician buy-in

MISSOURI
For Missouri heart attack patients, the nearest hospital isn't always the best
Missouri hospital closure problematic for expectant mothers
Chesterfield pediatrics administrator gets probation after embezzling $140,000
McCaskill Calls For Federal Investigation Of Billing Practices At Missouri Hospital
Bothwell Regional Health Center hires vice president of clinic operations
What hospitals, payers, and pharma think about buying generic drugs from Intermountain's startup
CHS’ plan to close Missouri hospital leaves expectant mothers scrambling to find care
Nurse says she was harassed for trying to break up union in Kansas City
Dr. Anthony Tersigni: Innovative care models are new catalysts to transforming healthcare

NEBRASKA
CHI, Nebraska Medicine team up to stop violence
Amid lawsuits alleging inadequate care, will Douglas County stand by jail’s medical provider?

SOUTH DAKOTA
Orange City hospital to acquire local physical therapy center
Avera Health names South Dakota native new president and CEO

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

ILLINOIS
Area hospitals recognized for patient, employee satisfaction
Column: Cook County Hospital redevelopment nears starting line, with $135 million in financing
OSF HealthCare St. Anthony Medical Center VP named to Becker's 100 list
Advocate Aurora Health planning to build new hospital, clinics in Racine County
Epic defends UI Health contract amid Cerner dispute
Illinois hospitals’ tax exemptions at risk in court case
Cook County Health and Hospitals System in Chicago reaches HIMSS Analytics Stage 7
First month at Chicago adult trauma center a busy one

Jury orders Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center to pay $2.7 million in damages over wrongful death suit

INDIANA
- Methodist Hospital of Henderson continues discussing affiliation with Deaconess
- Kentucky Hospital Weighing Affiliation With Deaconess
- Indianapolis science institute gets $33M for health research
- Community Health Foundation Receives $2.5M Grant
- Indianapolis medical device firm plans $26M HQ in Whitestown
- Calls for transparency as Methodist Hospital discusses future
- Blackford, Jay hospitals announce leadership changes
- Former Anthem Employee Charged in Fraud Scheme
- IU Health Makes Leadership Changes
- St. Vincent to pay $15K in disability discrimination lawsuit
- St. Vincent doctor fires back after hospital's decision to close his practice
- Southwest IN Flexes Life Science Muscle
- Anthem Agrees to Add Palliative Care Provider
- Indiana hospital to close obstretrics unit May 31
- IU Health Blackford Hospital President Steven West to retire

KENTUCKY
- Methodist Hospital of Henderson continues discussing affiliation with Deaconess
- Kindred, Humana Crack Fortune 500 List for 2018
- Calls for transparency as Methodist Hospital discusses future
- Surgeon, entrepreneur donates $2.5 million to Louisville-area hospital foundation
- Kentucky Hospital Weighing Affiliation With Deaconess
- Bevin and Foundation For A Healthy Ky. to Announce Medicaid Waiver Partnership
- Cave City practicing physician and others indicted by a federal grand jury
- Bevin Teams With Nonprofit To Implement Kentucky Medicaid Changes
- TLRMC designated as level IV Trauma Center
- Humana sues government to keep secrets of its $45B Tricare contract confidential

MICHIGAN
- DCHS: Still viable, looking to future
- DCHS continues search for regional healthcare partner
Strata Oncology raises $26 million in latest funding round
Wayne State, Henry Ford deep in affiliation talks
Henry Ford Health System, Wayne State University discussing potential affiliation
Ascension to invest $50M in 3 Michigan health systems
DCHS reassuring public of care standards
Meridian Health, Michigan's largest Medicaid provider, bought for $2.5B
Intermountain, University of Michigan advance precision medicine for cardiovascular care, cancer
WellCare to Acquire Meridian for $2.5 Billion
What hospitals, payers, and pharma think about buying generic drugs from Intermountain's startup
McLaren Oakland names new CFO
Michigan bill would change how state funds Medicaid share
Chuck Sherwin to serve as president of MidMichigan Medical Center-Alpena

OHIO
Berger Health starts formal merger talks to become OhioHealth's 12th hospital
Lake Health presses on as finances turn around
Ohio universities to end nursing partnership program
Data breach at Aultman Hospital may have compromised some patients' personal information
Cincinnati Eye Institute to expand nationally
Akron Children's Hospital Foundation announces new board president, members
Class action lawsuit filed against Premier Health, surgeon
Cleveland Clinic spinoff is at the center of efforts to remake the operating room
UH Richmond completes emergency department renovation
Ohio's Hospice in Dayton expands coverage with new affiliate
Five Rivers Health Centers CEO talks Good Sam, new services and expanded hours
Premier Health closing Warren County emergency center in July
Nationwide Children's spending more on research, but increased grants, philanthropy temporarily reduced need for subsidies
Cleveland Clinic's Lakewood Family Health Center set for July opening
Alliance Community Hospital CEO to retire, ending 21-year tenure
Cleveland Clinic looks to rein in costs as Q1 operating income dips 22%

WISCONSIN
Froedtert Health to build a 'neighborhood' hospital in Mequon
Doctors bring health care back to the basics
Advocate Aurora Health Care Plans $250 Million Hospital Complex

Children’s Hospital takes big-picture view of mission

SSM Health St. Clare Hospital improves children's hearing exams in Wisconsin Dells

DWD: Interim HealthCare of Wisconsin closes Madison facility, impacting 98 employees

Agnesian HealthCare announces Tami Schattschneider promotion

Propeller health announces $20M funding round, strategic partnership with Aptar Pharma

Froedtert Health: New 8-bed ‘neighborhood’ hospital will free up beds at flagship facility

GE Healthcare teams with Tampa hospital to create artificial intelligence data center

**SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

**ALABAMA**

- Hospital in west Alabama receives $2 million grant
- $40M Cancer Center on track to open May 2019
- Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors

**FLORIDA**

- Jacksonville pain-management clinic agrees to pay $1.2 million federal claim
- MedExpress Opening Neighborhood Medical Center in Vero Beach
- Friday Editorial: UF Health Jacksonville has a growing impact — and a promising leader
- Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center names Trey Abshier CEO
- USF Health Endoscopy and Surgery Center achieves AAAHC accreditation
- Julia Truman named COO of Orange Park Medical Center
- Physical therapists look to expand role
- Walgreens may be building the store of the future in Florida — but Wall Street is skeptical
- Boca Raton Regional Hospital earnings down as it considers merger
- WellCare to Acquire Meridian for $2.5 Billion
- How AI command centers are helping hospitals harness analytics to manage operations
- Virginia couple commit $6 million to Cleveland Clinic Florida for orthopedic advancements
- Orange Park Medical Center selects new COO
- Aetna, newborn physician firms embroiled in legal battle over payments

**GEORGIA**

- Emory Healthcare to launch technology innovation hub
- University Hospital’s president Bowcutt calls it a career
Hospital system invests $3M to bring more skilled nursing beds onto campus

Pricing in health is complex, 'even for those of us who live and breathe it' — 3 questions with Emory Healthcare Director of Revenue Management Keri Bennett

St. Francis Hospital taps new COO

WellStar Avalon Health Park Breaks Ground On June 4

MISSISSIPPI

OCH Regional Medical Center moves one step closer to choosing a hospital system to affiliate with

How a Mississippi practice went from near bankruptcy to thriving in the black

Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors

NORTH CAROLINA

Columbus Regional to shift to Cerner Millennium platform

Rehab clinic faces multiple NC investigations for forced labor, putting elderly at risk

North Carolina Health System to Launch Cerner EHR Implementation

New UNC cancer clinic open in Rockingham

Pardee Hospital seeks to add C-section operating room

Health care options shrink as rural Southern hospitals close their doors

Higher expenses lowers Wake Forest Baptist excess revenue totals

From data analytics to drug discounts? Triad firm launches prescription plan

Novant Health reports 71.4 percent drop in excess revenue the first quarter

SOUTH CAROLINA

University of South Carolina Nursing Program Helps Nurses Stay In Their Communities

S.C.'s universities and hospitals are exempt from taxes. Should they pay up?

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Court Slaps $114M Judgment in Lab Kickback Scheme

Roper St. Francis founding members investing $50 million into health system

TENNESSEE

CEO: $31M for Horizon facilities shows confidence in Dickson Co.

Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System has invested millions for medical care in the Lakeway Area

Quorum details CEO exit payoff

Memphis, Nashville health orgs plan to consolidate

Erlanger releases rendering of proposed ER in Bradley County

Saint Thomas rolls out Tennessee's first artificial heart program
West Tennessee Healthcare approves $90M loan to finalize Tennova facilities purchase

Vanderbilt University Medical Center points to Epic rollout for 60% drop in operating income

4 things to know about Quorum Health CEO’s departure

**SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

**ARKANSAS**

- Arkansas Heart Hospital plans branch in Bryant
- Judge: Doctor can't piggy-back on nursing home’s arbitration in overfeeding death
- Hospital plan would extend expansion
- Skyline Health to Exit Nursing Home Industry

**ARIZONA**

- Arizona ranks 31st out of 50 states in health, well-being of seniors in national report
- Banner Health’s net income plunges 55% in Q1
- Minnesota the latest state to sue this Arizona opioid maker

**LOUISIANA**

- East Jefferson General Hospital looking to make massive partnership deal
- Lafayette physicians first in the state to utilize robot technology for spinal surgery
- University Medical Center ramps up efforts to protect funding from potential cuts
- Hospital operator says state budget could be a matter of life and death
- St. Francis recognized for high quality in maternity care
- Proposals to redevelop Charity Hospital will come from 3 teams LSU has picked

**NEW MEXICO**

- Emergency room visits leveling off at ABQ hospitals
- Derrick Cuenca to be CEO for MountainView Regional Medical Center

**OKLAHOMA**

- Stillwater’s Plasma Bionics named Oklahoma Venture Forum’s 'Most Promising New Business'
- State Health Department's financial reality apparently withheld by top leaders even from finance officials
- How Integris Health fortified data security with identity governance
- Saint Francis investing $22 million in updated technology
- Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee to install new Epic EHR for $16M
- Norman Regional names chief nursing officer

**TEXAS**
Tenet Subsidiary Teams With Florida Clinic To Buy Ambulatory Surgery Centers
Medical City Affiliate CareNow Opens Urgent Care Facility in Las Colinas
Tenet Board Appoints Two Independent Directors
Brownfield Regional Medical Center closes Dr. Tedford’s medical practice until further notice
Memorial Hermann Names New CFO, Sets Off Chain of Promotions
Houston Methodist cancer center offers comprehensive care
Methodist Health System Signs Facilities Management Deal With JLL
Texas Children’s operating income nearly triples in first half of fiscal year
Will a Payer’s New ER Policy Give Telehealth a Boost in Texas?
Tenet Health revamps board, points to signs of possible turnaround
Telemedicine Begins Expanding in North Texas
Dallas-based Health Insurance Company For Senior Market Grows Through Acquisition
Hospital CEO search down to 2
UT Health East Texas EMS files motion to dismiss ambulance monopoly lawsuit
Texas’s health system performance among worst in nation
St. David’s North Austin Medical Center taps new COO

NORTHEAST

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WASHINGTON
3 Reasons Providence St. Joseph, Ascension Didn't Merge

- Healthcare startup Qliance files for bankruptcy, lists more than 100 creditors — including CEO’s new company
- Direct primary care group files for bankruptcy after abruptly closing clinics
- Kadlec health system promotes chief administrative officer to CEO

WYOMING

- Memorial Hospital receives feedback in surveys
- Wyoming Medical Center pays $37M for Mountain View Regional Hospital
- Former candidate for CCH board asks hospital to arm staff

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Bill to create health care price controls in California dies
- Marin Healthcare District physicians’ annual fees raise eyebrows
- Report: Workforce needed to fill growing demand for SoCal health care services professionals
- California hospital designed from child’s point of view
- 3,506 California healthcare workers petition for 15% cap on hospital overcharges, target Stanford Health Care
- Molina Healthcare CFO Joseph White to retire; Thomas Tran to take over
- Loma Linda University Health promotes Angela Lalas to CFO
- Kaiser CIO Dick Daniels breaks down the virtual patient-physician relationship

COLORADO

- How is Anthem’s outpatient imaging policy being received in Colorado?
- Air medical services working to keep care available to rural patients in Colorado
- Evans Army Community Hospital welcomes new boss
- Colorado Springs Launches Medical Tourism Website
- Aspen hospital is launching new initiative to reduce opioids
- Health records on iPhone now available to Centura Health’s patients

HAWAII

- Maui Health System names new chief operating officer

NEVADA

- Las Vegas behavioral health group to pay $1M for Medicaid fraud

UTAH

- Intermountain, University of Michigan advance precision medicine for cardiovascular care, cancer
What hospitals, payers, and pharma think about buying generic drugs from Intermountain's startup

'These doctors are keeping my baby girl healthy': DRMC opens new pediatric center

Intermountain Healthcare launches 'first of its kind' study of premature births

Medicaid expansion qualifies for ballot in Utah

Merit Medical Announces Leadership Change and Appointment of Interim CFO