

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

NATIONAL

- General surgeon shortage growing and 5 other things to know about the healthcare workforce
- How 5 lawsuits could change US healthcare industry
- Nurses at many HCA hospitals say they are willing to strike over pay, staffing, security
- Could a Nationwide Ob-Gyn Shortage Spark Digital Health Innovation?
- 8 healthcare leaders share physician alignment strategies
- What Amazon's success can teach healthcare execs: 4 takeaways
- Healthcare job growth continues; hospitals added 8K jobs in August
- Hospital-led ACOs perform worse than those led by physicians, study finds
- Optum co-creator named COO of Amazon, Berkshire, JPMorgan venture
- CJR shows early success

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Business community can play key role preventing prescription opioid abuse
- CT to launch health data exchange next year

MAINE

- Children's nonprofit gets \$9.3M more from DHHS without competing for it
- Lewiston hospitals illegally turned away patients experiencing mental health crises
- Psychiatric Patients Turned Away From Lewiston Hospitals
- Maine hospitals violated federal law by turning away patients with mental health distress

MASSACHUSETTS

- Hospitals are finally starting to care about the food they serve
- Partners brings specialty pharmacy in-house, expects \$23M in annual savings
- MetroWest Medical Center CEO resigned on Aug. 10
- Cambridge's Akcea discloses layoffs after FDA drug rejection
- Saint Vincent's interim CEO
- Massachusetts nurse staffing regulations did not reduce patient mortality, complications in ICUs, Beth Israel study finds

- Why Boston Children's reimagined its food court

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Elliot Health System president named
- CMC, ClearChoiceMD team up in urgent care venture

NEW YORK

- MVHS officials provide update on downtown hospital project
- NewYork-Presbyterian's net income tumbles 47%
- Neurosurgery comes to New York hospital with surgeon addition
- New York health system gets \$180M loan for \$480M expansion
- NYC dermatology group enters Philadelphia area
- New York VA hospital physician misreported patients' surgical outcomes, investigation reveals
- Northwell Health nurses rally in NYC over staffing, wages, paid leave
- Mount Sinai launches its own TV show in NY
- Baxter to lay off 131 New York employees
- How NYU Langone went from \$120M in losses to 10% operating margins

RHODE ISLAND

- Lifespan's net income slumps 27% in Q3
- Schuur is named Lifespan's emergency medicine chief, Brown's emergency medicine department chair
- CNE required to maintain Memorial Hospital building as part of closure plan
- OHIC: BCBSRI to contribute \$5M to Behavioral Health Fund

VERMONT

- Rutland Regional tackles nursing shortage
- Vermont Home Care Initiative is Model for Other States
- Vermont sues Purdue Pharma for its opioids marketing practices
- 1-year pay freeze urged for Vermont hospitals execs making more than \$500K

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Delaware hospital curtails opioid prescriptions in effort to combat addiction
- Delaware passes new law to help patient access to primary care
- Beebe offers workshops for patients with chronic illness

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Ascension fires 75% of DC-based Providence Health System's board
- Board of Providence Hospital overhauled amid plans to end acute services

MARYLAND

- How Johns Hopkins Hospital preps for infectious disease threats, bioterrorism
- Maryland pharma company buys overdose-reversing Narcan maker
- Post-merger Bon Secours Mercy Health names 14 senior leaders
- Maryland Proton Treatment Center raises \$277M in bond deal to stabilize finances
- OrthoBethesda sells to Connecticut-based private equity firm
- United Therapeutics strikes nine-figure deal to commercialize new form of drug delivery

NEW JERSEY

- Morristown Medical Center dedicates medical college
- J.W. Childs, New Jersey Urology team up
- Monmouth Democrats target medical debt

PENNSYLVANIA

- Camden health system adds second helicopter
- Pennsylvania hospital lays off staff after bank accounts frozen
- Reading Hospital upgraded as trauma center
- Penn State Health pitches hospital plans to Hampden Township residents
- King of Prussia District Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will build inpatient facility
- Penn State Hershey names new president
- Allegheny Valley Hospital nurses ratify new contract
- Lancaster County Hospital Surpluses Generate Media Controversy
- NYC dermatology group enters Philadelphia area
- Pottstown Hospital names chief operating officer
- Labor board says UPMC intruded on employee council

VIRGINIA

- Novant Health UVA Health System appoints new leader for two regional hospitals
- Bon Secours and Mercy Health complete merger

WEST VIRGINIA

- WVU Hospitals, Jackson General Hospital enter into management agreement
- WVU Medicine sees new hospitals enter its umbrella

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Iowa to pay \$2.5M after University of Iowa Hospitals psychiatric patient jumps from parking ramp
- Medicaid company that pulled out of Iowa has yet to pay thousands of medical bills

KANSAS

- Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas receives \$105k grant
- Topeka doctor seeks elixir for billing dispute with KanCare company
- HCA Midwest's new CMO brings self-starting approach
- Kansas Supreme Court upholds \$907K malpractice verdict
- OptumRx looks to add 135 employees in Overland Park

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic joins nonprofit consortium that makes generic drugs
- Mayo Clinic invests nearly \$800M to expand in Florida, Arizona
- CMS erroneously sends termination letters to 38K+ BCBS Medicare members
- Hutchinson Health CEO to retire in 2019

MISSOURI

- Negligence suit filed against SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital over man's death
- Mercy Hospital Appealing \$28 Million Medical Malpractice Verdict
- HCA Midwest's new CMO brings self-starting approach
- Steven Schieber becomes Wright Memorial Hospital's interim CEO
- PHI on 20K Children Exposed in WellCare Healthcare Data Breach
- BJC HealthCare appoints new CIO/treasurer
- Missouri hospital to split with BJC HealthCare
- Christian Hospital hires new chief nursing officer
- BJC HealthCare, Boone Hospital to end 30-year operating agreement
- Children's Mercy Kansas City COO resigns for new opportunity

NEBRASKA

- UNMC targets rural workforce shortages in health care industry
- Jefferson Community Health and Life, to Open Plymouth Clinic
- Cardiac surgeon had job offers in Denver and Chicago. Then, he got a call: 'Why not Kearney?'
- Boys Town National Research Hospital launches second phase of \$15 million renovation project
- Nursing homes struggle with new Medicaid rates; number of facilities down in Nebraska

SOUTH DAKOTA

- [Rapid City Hospital Sends Garbage 300 Miles Away](#)
- [City: Sioux Falls ambulances not affected by fed fraud settlement](#)
- [Sanford CEO quashes rumors of resignation, forced exit](#)
- [South Dakota-based health system eyes Chicago-area hospital system](#)
- [Troubled reservation hospital gets more time to fix problems](#)
- [Sanford potentially eyeing merger with Edward-Elmhurst Health](#)

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- [Centegra Health System, Northwestern Medicine begin merger](#)
- [A potential buyer scouts Chicago-area hospitals—but which one?](#)
- [Fletcher named philanthropy specialist at HSHS St. Mary's Hospital](#)
- [Loyola Medicine names new CEO](#)
- [New bill aims to encourage competition in medical supply industry](#)
- [Little Company of Mary Hospital to stop pediatric inpatient services](#)
- [South Dakota-based health system eyes Chicago-area hospital system](#)
- [Suburban Chicago hospital seeks to end inpatient pediatric care](#)
- [Baxter to lay off 131 New York employees](#)
- [Sanford potentially eyeing merger with Edward-Elmhurst Health](#)

INDIANA

- [New leaders at IU Health Center focus on holistic wellness for IU community](#)
- [TRIMEDX Announces Executive Team Addition](#)
- [IUPUI Professor Lands \\$2M NIH Grant](#)
- [New CEO For Primaria Health](#)
- [Cook Biotech Partnering with Massachusetts Company](#)
- [Community Healthcare System's parent taps new CIO](#)
- [Indiana health center names CFO](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Cabinet for Health and Family Services announces key leadership appointments](#)
- [Prolonged Jewish Hospital negotiations creating uncertainty, even among employees](#)
- [Facing shortfall, Kentucky mulls ending Medicaid expansion](#)

- [Kentucky names new Medicaid commissioner](#)
- [Norton Healthcare to operate retail health clinics in Louisville-area Walgreens stores](#)
- [Owensboro Health, UofL partner on new family medicine residency program](#)
- [Why Norton 'prompt care' centers at 8 Walgreens make a ton of sense](#)
- [Norton Healthcare ventures into health clinics](#)
- [Baptist Health names Dr. Jody Prather chief strategy officer](#)

MICHIGAN

- [University of Michigan Health System settles drug violations for \\$4.3M](#)
- [MSU Creates New Health Care Group](#)
- [Beaumont Health racing to open 30 urgent care centers in metro Detroit](#)
- [Michigan State forming new healthcare organization](#)
- [New president announced for Saint Joseph Ann Arbor, Livingston hospitals](#)
- [Beaumont to open two new outpatient campuses in Southeast Michigan](#)
- [U-M's Mott named among most innovative children's hospitals by Parents Magazine](#)
- [Mercy Health Saint Mary's president to lead Southeast Michigan hospitals](#)
- [Health system re-assigns hospital leader](#)
- [Health administration company acquires firm](#)

OHIO

- [NE Ohio hospitals give early introduction to careers in healthcare: Pathways to Prosperity](#)
- [Highland District Hospital planning expansion with outpatient orthopedic clinic](#)
- [New report: Dayton hospitals among biggest job advertisers](#)
- [ProMedica lays off 100 employees, cites rising costs](#)
- [Massillon chooses operator for former Affinity Medical Center](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic's operating income plummets 80% in Q2](#)
- [SRMC CEO explains new partnership](#)
- [Ohio has significant shortage in health care professionals: Letter to the Editor](#)
- [Paramount Matrix Healthcare tapped as new Affinity hospital operator](#)
- [Post-merger Bon Secours Mercy Health names 14 senior leaders](#)
- [Premier Health to add four new Dayton-area facilities](#)
- [OhioHealth to open wellness center for stroke, neurological rehabilitation in 2019](#)
- [OhioHealth headquarters designed to promote collaborative 'collisions'](#)
- [UC Health provides location, advisers for Netflix movie](#)

- Greater Cincinnati health center acquired
- Senior living community gets new name, remodel after acquisition
- Cincinnati Children's surgeon helps develop lifesaving technology
- Shuttered Ohio hospital could reopen in fall

WISCONSIN

- Advocate Aurora Health operating income down, revenue up in first half of year
- Children's Community Health Plan growth boosts Children's Hospital's operating income
- Rusk County Memorial Hospital finalizes affiliation with Marshfield Clinic Health System
- Advocate Aurora invests \$75,000 in Ideawake
- Midwest Senior Living to cease management of Thiensville retirement community

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Southeast Alabama Medical Center opens new residency program
- South Alabama changes name of main hospital
- Brookwood Baptist Medical Center names new CFO
- Mike Neuendorf is Princeton Baptist Medical Center's new CEO

FLORIDA

- Lee Health claiming \$4.6 million in Irma damages, extra employee costs
- Johns Hopkins All Children's becomes first Florida pediatric hospital to have unique leukemia therapy
- A look at MRM's pension plan 5 years and \$22 million later
- Telemedicine racks up \$1 million in cost avoidance savings for Tallahassee Memorial
- \$4 Million in False Claims Act Settlement to be Paid by Dermatology Healthcare, LLC
- A Rural Town Banded Together to Open a Hospital. Its Foe? A Larger Hospital.
- Nurses at many HCA hospitals say they are willing to strike over pay, staffing, security
- Health care system names new watchdog officer
- NCH Healthcare looks to block rural community's 25-bed microhospital plans
- Leesburg Regional to open expanded ER on Sept. 12
- Mayo Clinic invests nearly \$800M to expand in Florida, Arizona

GEORGIA

- Georgia lawmakers to take new look at hospital regulation

- Memorial Health on track with pledged changes
- Medicas Medical Clinic Opens In Douglasville
- SGMC to hold CEO meeting
- Hospital CEO Jim Lambert details plan for recovery
- Ex-CEO's contract buyout leaves Georgia hospital in search of new chief exec
- Georgia physician allegedly submitted 4,500 false claims for unnecessary lead poisoning treatments

MISSISSIPPI

- EHR costs cited as 3 hospitals, parent company file for bankruptcy
- Magnolia Regional Health Center CFO to resign
- CEO at bankrupt Curae Health: 'Vision was correct, but circumstances didn't pan out'

NORTH CAROLINA

- Vidant Health operating margin narrows amid reimbursement uncertainties
- CaroMont enters new partnership to benefit Medicaid patients
- HCA Healthcare will acquire North Carolina hospital system Mission Health for \$1.5 bln
- Mission and HCA Agree to Terms of Potential Sale
- New Atrium Health institute focuses on musculoskeletal care
- New physician leading Carolinas Primary Care
- Conway Medical Center now a Duke Health Affiliate in Heart
- Construction continues on new orthopedic hospital
- Interim CRHS Pres. & CEO gets the permanent post
- How Charlotte's largest health-care providers are upping security
- Vidant Beaufort Hospital expands emergency department
- Wake Forest Baptist Health High Point Medical Center unveiled
- Cone Health Reaches Milestone with New Women's Hospital

SOUTH CAROLINA

- MUSC, Siemens Healthineers join to use tech to improve care
- Two hospitals officially prepare to build ERs in Carolina Forest after lengthy legal battle
- SC hospitals can be difficult to protect from gun violence, experts say
- Shriners is getting its first South Carolina CEO, bringing expertise to MUSC
- Two new ERs coming to Carolina Forest after months of litigation
- Conway Medical Center now a Duke Health Affiliate in Heart

- MUSC Plans a Statewide Telehealth Network for Palliative Care

TENNESSEE

- Houston County breaks budget impasse with promising deal on hospital
- Nashville hospital sued after surgeon allegedly left needle inside patient during heart surgery
- BCBS of Tennessee resolves dispute with 520-member anesthesiologist, physician group
- Tennessee health system lawsuit alleges rigged Medicaid contracting by state
- Nashville General Hospital taps new chief analytics officer
- Vanderbilt attributes lower operating income to EHR install
- CEO at bankrupt Curae Health: 'Vision was correct, but circumstances didn't pan out'
- HCA now owns 53 hospitals in Texas
- Vanderbilt researchers think this AI solution will help hospitals flag suicide risk
- UT Medical Center CEO Joe Landsman: Standardization is the answer to some of healthcare's biggest problems
- North Cypress Medical Center names CEO
- 7K nurses at 15 HCA hospitals vote to authorize strike

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas Children's Hospital burn unit closed to adults
- Peter Emanuel Named Director of Oncology Services at CHI St. Vincent

ARIZONA

- Banner Health sees net income drop 33%, echoing national trend among nonprofits
- Phoenix-based Banner Health CEO among most influential in health care
- Arizona man billed for surgery he never had after name, birthdate mix-up
- Mayo Clinic invests nearly \$800M to expand in Florida, Arizona

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner program helps patients manage chronic illness with fewer office visits
- Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge opts for Health Catalyst
- Ochsner, LSU to manage state hospitals in North Louisiana
- Appeals court dismisses malpractice lawsuit against East Jefferson General Hospital
- New deal for north Louisiana safety-net hospitals worked out

NEW MEXICO

- Presbyterian Healthcare to open 4 retail clinics for emergency, urgent care
- Hospital leader asks for new mill levy on Nov. ballot
- Man steals ambulance from New Mexico hospital, leads police on short chase

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma Medicaid could up provider pay after years
- Oklahoma hospital on brink of closure gets taxpayer infusion to make payroll

TEXAS

- To keep costs low, Parkland is simplifying care. Turns out, patients are healthier, too
- HCA Houston Healthcare completes North Cypress Medical Center acquisition
- Groundbreaking genetic mutation study underway in Texas Medical Center
- Judge quits St. Luke's board after investigation finds heart transplant safety issues
- HCA Gulf Coast buys another Houston hospital, names new CEO
- HCA now owns 53 hospitals in Texas
- Texas freestanding ER closes 9 months after opening

NORTHWEST

(Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming)

ALASKA

- Community health aides: Alaska's unique solution for rural health care
- Future of Sitka Community Hospital may be decided this week
- Anchorage Fracture & Orthopedic Clinic welcomes spine surgeon
- Quorum's bid to operate Alaska hospital unsuccessful

IDAHO

- Saint Alphonsus CEO Odette Bolano on why she left Boise, and why she's back
- State lawmakers order investigation into treatment center

MONTANA

- Critical questions Kalispell Regional needs to answer
- Providence Montana Health Foundation announces \$1.2M gift for St. Pat's Hospital
- Kalispell Regional Healthcare CEO Responds to Nurses' Push to Unionize
- Health Department Getting Back \$30M Slashed in Budget Cuts
- Montana Matters Interview with Mountain Health
- Becker's Hospital review names Central Montana Medical Center a top 66 Critical Access Hospitals to know in 2018

OREGON

- Heart patient says OHSU needs to fix transplant program: 'My life is depending on you'
- Exclusive: Moda Health gets \$155M capital infusion from California investor
- CMS grants Legacy Health 7-week extension to fix patient safety issues

WASHINGTON

- Lourdes completes partnership with RCCH Healthcare
- Novant Health UVA Health System appoints new leader for two regional hospitals
- This Tri-Cities hospital has lost its longtime CEO
- Hospital staff question officials after 2nd attack in a week
- Ascension sells Washington hospital to for-profit chain

WYOMING

- Albany County signs onto A.G. opioid plan
- Hospitals Prepare To Launch Their Own Drug Company To Fight High Prices And Shortages
- Mayor: Air service a model in fixing Riverton hospital
- Sheridan hospital sees increase in uninsured patients

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- California hospital chain with ties to billionaire files for bankruptcy
- More than \$40 million raised for fight over California dialysis profits and patients
- California hospital opens new surgical center with focus on advanced imaging technology
- Judge tosses lawsuit against California drug price law
- Verity Health files for bankruptcy protection. Its six California hospitals will stay open
- Pay raises, tuition reimbursement in new deal with Dignity Health
- Why Dignity nurses are challenging merger with Catholic health care giant
- Alameda Company Pays \$1.25M Fed Settlement
- Healthcare Consolidation in California Leading to Higher Prices, Study Finds
- California hospital files for bankruptcy, owes \$250K to employees
- California nurse practitioners face challenges in filling primary care gap, study shows
- California health system's bankruptcy challenged by employee union

COLORADO

- St. Francis Medical Center opens new Level III NICU
- Southwest Memorial has plan to recover financial health

- New St. Francis Medical Center project begins wave of Colorado Springs hospital expansions
- It's now Banner MD Anderson Cancer Center at North Colorado Medical Center
- DaVita Medical Group Honored for Delivering Excellent Patient Care
- PPCC, UCHealth Memorial collaborate to train first responders
- Colorado health facilities: Which complaints are investigated?
- Patients question high emergency room bills from Centura Healthcare
- State law limits changes to health-insurance plans
- Hospital officials find CHA Price Report to be fair
- Why Catholic Health Initiatives' CISO says awareness training is pivotal in hospital cybersecurity

HAWAII

- Hawaii Pacific Health to open \$3.1M clinic at Ward Village
- Financing partner sought for new West Maui Hospital
- Kaiser Permanente awards \$80,000 to Hawaii Public Health Institute
- HMSA reports strong second quarter earnings

NEVADA

- The Ladder: Sunrise Children's Hospital hires new COO
- Mesa View Regional Hospital to Modify Labor and Delivery Services Effective October 1

UTAH

- Intermountain recognizes 2018 Supplier Award winners
- A Utah Hospital System Is Trying To Drive Down Prices By Making Their Own Drugs