

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

NATIONAL

- Hospitals are fed up with drug companies, so they're starting their own
- Here's why Amazon and Apple are betting on medical clinics
- Drug company involving senior living parent companies now has name, CEO, financing, Rx targets
- National study finds hospital CEO compensation rates outpacing clinical employees
- Amazon, Google, Microsoft to Make Waves in Health IT Usability
- 4 more hospitals join Apple health records project
- Here are the biggest hospital construction projects that kicked off in August
- Pharmaceutical industry takes aim at hospital drug markups in new study
- 7 healthcare leaders share the industry problem they would eliminate overnight
- Hospitals band together to make drugs to combat shortages and high prices
- A modular 'hospital room in a box' could dramatically slash the cost of building hospitals
- Hospital stakeholders file 340B suit against HHS
- Senate votes to ban pharmacy gag clauses
- HHS sued over delay in drug pricing transparency regulations
- AHA launches center for health innovation
- Azar: Advancing value-based agenda 'is going to mean mandatory models'
- AMGA pens letter against coding changes in CMS' proposed physician payment rule

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- MidState at 20 — Meriden couple's \$1m gift boosted hospital fundraising
- Suit says state prescription plan fraud cost \$11M
- Connecticut receives \$12.2M grant to develop statewide health information exchange
- CT files lawsuit after losing nearly \$11M in 'kickback pyramid scheme'
- Trinity unites doc groups under one name
- Hartford HealthCare pursues multiple strategies to find, retain robust workforce pool
- Rosow steers Farmington medtech startup Diameter Health into growth mode

MAINE

- [How Maine Medical Center leveraged data to drive healthier margins](#)
- [New St. Mary's president focused on patients, community and collaboration](#)
- [Topsham health care facility opens](#)
- [LincolnHealth explains MaineHealth merger](#)
- [Maine is facing a nursing shortage. UMaine system unveils its plan to help.](#)
- [Central Maine Healthcare hopes Topsham Care Center can lower patient costs](#)
- [CMH's Maine Urgent Care will open Monday in Topsham](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Study: Nurse question would cost \\$35 to \\$47M](#)
- [Mount Auburn Hospital names new executive vice president and chief medical officer](#)
- [Massachusetts ICU nurse staffing regulations did not improve patient mortality and complications](#)
- [Why Boston Children's reimagined its food court](#)
- [Massachusetts union, hospitals pour money into nurse staffing ballot question: 7 things to know](#)
- [Nurses in TV ads argue pros, cons of mandated staffing ratios in Massachusetts hospitals](#)
- [Dana-Farber's operating income bounces back](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [New Hampshire health system rates well compared to rest of U.S., but cost concerns remain](#)
- [NH Considers new 100-bed forensic psychiatric hospital](#)
- [CMC, ClearChoiceMD team up in urgent care venture](#)

NEW YORK

- [Why NYU's tuition-free medical school offer may not live up to its hype](#)
- [White Plains Hospital names CIO](#)
- [Buyer of Lee County hospital says N.Y. judgments won't delay reopening](#)
- [Lawrence Health System looking to western NY for affiliation](#)
- [HealthNow exec named interim leader at BlueShield of Northeastern New York](#)
- [Northwell Health nurses rally in NYC over staffing, wages, paid leave](#)
- [New York nonprofit healthcare organization hit with \\$200K HIPAA fine](#)
- [Crystal Run, ORMC settle suit over OB-GYN](#)
- [Memorial Sloan Kettering CMO failed to disclose conflicts of interest in major research journals](#)

RHODE ISLAND

- [Settlement Proposed for Hospital Pensions Lawsuit](#)

- State Orders Health Care Company to Maintain Closed Hospital
- HopeHealth expands leadership team to support growth
- New England Medical Innovation Center opens in Providence

VERMONT

- New CEO appointed to North Country Hospital
- Vermont board won't weigh in on CEO compensation after exec pay freeze urged
- Vermont files suit: 'We're going to war with Big Pharma'
- 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

- Nurse fired over back brace wins lawsuit against hospital
- Nanticoke Health Services appoints CIO

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Kaiser Permanente adding another local medical center, this one in Prince George's
- Spotlight on high-reliability international transfer centers

MARYLAND

- In the C-Suite: LifeBridge's Brian White calls for health care innovation
- Kaiser to open medical center in Maryland
- Baltimore Hospital Going Green To Help Local Environment And Their Patients
- Maryland Proton Treatment Center raises \$277M in bond deal to stabilize finances
- With new program, Maryland's ACA health insurers now seek decrease to premiums
- Baltimore Health Commissioner Leana Wen leaving to lead Planned Parenthood

NEW JERSEY

- New Jersey's Out-of-Network Healthcare Billing Law Goes Into Effect
- Would you pay a monthly fee for unlimited primary care visits? R-Health is betting you would
- New Jersey would have to offer affordable payment plans- proposed law
- New Jersey Health Information Network Adds Camden Coalition HIE
- NJ Hospital Association Launches Big Data Analytics Center
- Hospital association aims to use big data to spot bigger trends
- Smart Hospital Challenge seeks to improve hospital ops

PENNSYLVANIA

- Oak Street Health expands into Philadelphia market with acquisition
- Amazon-backed health venture hires Philly exec as No. 2
- Center City health-tech startup raises \$1.2M to fuel growth
- Disinterested clerks, yawning doctor, contribute to \$1M in Geisinger refunds
- Doylestown Health Gets \$1M Grant For New Vascular Care Center
- Nashville company acquires Lehigh Valley anesthesia group
- Penn Medicine extends global reach to Vietnam

VIRGINIA

- Buyer of Lee County hospital says N.Y. judgments won't delay reopening
- Evolent Health to acquire specialty care company for \$217M

WEST VIRGINIA

- New president and CEO selected for Mon Health System

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- For University of Iowa Children's Hospital debt, contractor eyes Pollock's 'Mural'
- Judge allows U of Iowa to defer debt payment to children's hospital contractor until appeal is settled

KANSAS

- Tara Ramlochan appointed Artesian Valley Health System CEO
- Artesian Valley Health System appoints permanent CEO
- Stormont Vail adds providers, plans to add clinic space
- KU Hospital gets record \$66 million gift to expand blood cancer treatment
- Proposed nurses strike at Research and Menorah could postpone some surgeries
- U of Kansas Health gets record-breaking \$66M gift

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic joins nonprofit consortium that makes generic drugs
- West-central Minn. hospital is state's first critical care facility to invest in robotic surgery
- Children's Hospital and Clinics of Minnesota bolsters health of children with on-site attorney
- Mayo Clinic plans \$800M expansion in Arizona, Florida
- Allina Health to launch mobile primary care clinics

MISSOURI

- MU Health Care's revenue hits \$1 billion

- Landmark hospital to ask city for approval on new facility
- Missouri Hospital Association Anticipates Primary Care Physician Shortage In Rural Missouri
- Boone Hospital expects decision in 6 months
- MU Health CEO says talks with SSM Health "progressing nicely"
- SSM partners in new not-for-profit generic drug company
- 400% price hike for generic drug a 'moral requirement,' Missouri pharma CEO says
- Lee's Summit Medical Center names new CEO
- Proposed nurses strike at Research and Menorah could postpone some surgeries
- Louis health monitoring startup raises \$4 million

NEBRASKA

- Richmond Named President and CEO for Methodist Fremont Health
- Local hospital is "Golden" for stroke patients
- Catasys Expands OnTrak-A Solution to Iowa and Nebraska with Leading National Health Plan
- Nebraska's top court: Voters to decide on expanding Medicaid
- Nebraska nonprofits receive BCBS grants

SOUTH DAKOTA

- South Dakota hospital no longer in 'immediate jeopardy,' but problems persist
- South Dakota hospital gets 2 months to address problems
- Regional Health names new president & CEO
- Judge: Avera can pursue payment for unpaid medical bills

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Geneseo hospital plans for \$1.3 million renovation
- Developers want to return healthcare services to vacant Illinois hospital site
- Illinois hospital closes
- Mercyhealth to name new Rockford hospital after CEO
- Aurora's old Copley Hospital could become a medical center again
- Advocate Aurora's operating income down 20%, in part due to Epic EHR implementation

INDIANA

- Community Healthcare System's parent taps new CIO
- Community Health Network Names VEI President

- [New app helps Indiana paramedics communicate with the ER](#)
- [NorthShore Health Centers Breaks Ground on New Facility in Portage](#)
- [Franciscan Health plans new orthopedics specialty hospital in Carmel](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Skilled Nursing Operator Signature Almost Didn't Survive Malpractice Suits, CEO Says](#)
- [Norton Healthcare ventures into health clinics](#)
- [Baptist Health names chief strategy officer](#)
- [Kentucky names new Medicaid commissioner](#)
- [Kentucky ASC utilizing Ngenuity 3D Visualization system](#)
- [Future of midwife role at Baptist Health Madisonville to be decided](#)
- [Louis company looks to build assisted-living facility near hospital](#)
- [Humana's Broussard to sell millions in company stock](#)

MICHIGAN

- [Court Appoints Receiver for 33 Atrium Health and Senior Living Properties](#)
- [Michigan ACOs reap profits in savings program](#)
- [Henry Ford Health System Appoints New CEO Of Henry Ford Hospital](#)
- [MI program to help put more health care professionals in underserved communities receives funding](#)
- [Patients Protest In Hopes Of Helping Doctor Regain Position At Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital](#)
- [Beaumont Health opening 2 outpatient campuses with surgery centers](#)
- [Joseph Cacchione named Ascension Michigan CEO](#)
- [Ann Arbor native leaving Johns Hopkins to be CEO at Henry Ford Hospital](#)
- [Former McLaren Central Michigan CNO obtains new position](#)
- [Nurses file lawsuit against U-M health system in midst of strike vote](#)
- [Michigan Medicine nurses file federal lawsuit as potential strike looms](#)

OHIO

- [Beavercreek hospital starts work on five-story tower](#)
- [Controversial bill could increase medical care in Ohio](#)
- [Ohio nurses, Steward Health Care reach tentative deal](#)
- [More hospital beds are staying empty in the region. Here's why.](#)
- [Ohio State Ross Heart Hospital hits transplant milestone: 500 beating hearts](#)
- [Northside nurses reach tentative agreement with Steward Health Care](#)
- [First look: OhioHealth to open wellness center for stroke, neurological rehabilitation in 2019](#)

- Business roundup: Firelands Health System names new president-CEO
- Lakewood plans on selling former hospital property equipment for \$455,000
- What could Massillon's Affinity hospital look like under new operator Paramount Matrix?
- Two millennials climb into driver's seat for Massillon's hospital revival
- Northside nurses say they are fighting to keep hospital open
- Catholic health network gets 22 percent stake in Premier
- Hospital closes psychiatric unit after regulation changes
- BGSU and Mercy Health announce partnership
- Mercy Health makes another leadership change
- How this Cincinnati trauma center responded to city's worst mass shooting since 2013
- Shuttered Ohio hospital considering surprise purchase offer

WISCONSIN

- Ascension Wisconsin to expand care in Shorewood community
- Court Appoints Receiver for 33 Atrium Health and Senior Living Properties
- Froedtert to build 2nd Wisconsin neighborhood hospital
- Ascension Wisconsin to open clinic at former Sendik's in Shorewood
- Froedtert & the Medical College plan neighborhood hospital in Oak Creek
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Named Top 20 Most Innovative
- Wisconsin health care company joins new generic drug manufacturing coalition
- Wisconsin's Atrium senior living facilities ordered into receivership
- Biomanufacturing initiative launched in partnership with UW-Madison
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony held for Marshfield Medical Center-Eau Claire Campus
- Cormier named new Bellin Health Oconto Hospital CEO
- Advocate Aurora's operating income down 20%, in part due to Epic EHR implementation
- Menomonee Falls health center sold for \$68.9 million

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Lincoln, Huntsville health systems enter strategic affiliation
- Medical Center Barbour's new CEO is Justin Harris
- Birmingham tech platform partnering with national health agency
- NICU volunteer donates \$1M to Alabama hospital

FLORIDA

- People on the move: Nursing Consortium of South Florida announces new president
- Orlando Health hit with \$100M defamation suit by fired physician
- Uninsured and Indigent Patients Cost Jackson Memorial Hospital \$884 Million a Year
- Proposed hospital projects go to state regulators
- North Florida Regional plans \$110M in upgrades
- Florida Hospital Celebration opening infusion center
- Mayo Clinic plans \$800M expansion in Arizona, Florida
- Jonathan R. Turton Named CEO of Broward Health Medical Center
- Future hospital site: Orlando Health to develop 570,000-square-foot complex near Medical City
- Orlando Health hit with \$100M defamation suit by fired physician
- One year after Irma, this Keys hospital is open but awaits a \$40 million rebuild
- Florida Hospital to break ground on \$15.6M Waterford Lakes freestanding ER
- Jackson Health System faces hearing on opening Doral hospital
- LPMC debuts sleek new emergency department
- Baptist Health South Florida has a new CFO

GEORGIA

- Here are DeKalb Medical's new hospital names after Emory merger
- Georgia physician allegedly submitted 4,500 false claims for unnecessary lead poisoning treatments
- Colquitt Regional Medical Center receives over \$2 million in various donations
- Clover Health to expand in Savannah
- The most innovative children's hospital is right here in metro Atlanta
- Henry County hospital raises \$200K for emergency dept.
- Iora Health to open 10 primary care clinics
- Here's why CMO Dr. Adedapo Odetoyinbo says his hospital's CEO posts her cellphone number in each patient room

MISSISSIPPI

- Corinth Hospital looks to retain Level III trauma center designation
- 'Obamacare' insurance rates will stay level in Mississippi

NORTH CAROLINA

- Rural North Carolina hospital uses Walmart clinic to ease pressure on ED
- We have the Mission Health-HCA contract. Here's what we know about the \$1.5B deal.
- New Broughton Hospital to be turned over next month

- [How hospitals, health organizations are preparing for Hurricane Florence](#)
- [Erlanger expands in North Carolina](#)
- [UNC Health Care divests 351-bed hospital](#)
- [Duke Health expands care in Wake Forest, Durham communities](#)
- [Health care offers more jobs this month in Raleigh, but internet tech rates higher among employees](#)
- [Eastern Hospitals Not Taking Any Chances with Florence](#)
- [A look inside Novant Health's \\$80M Mint Hill Medical Center](#)
- [Atrium Health names new head of acute care surgery](#)
- [Durham health providers plead guilty in Medicaid scheme](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [How hospitals, health organizations are preparing for Hurricane Florence](#)
- [Lowcountry hospitals prepare for impacts from Hurricane Florence](#)
- [Dorchester County lawsuit says campaign of misinformation led to costly opioid abuse](#)
- [Upstate hospitals taking medical evacuees](#)
- [Cancer doctor resigns over failure to disclose pharma ties](#)

TENNESSEE

- [HCA CEO Johnson to retire, company lays out succession plan](#)
- [HCA's Milton Johnson to retire, next CEO revealed](#)
- [Lincoln, Huntsville health systems enter strategic affiliation](#)
- [Nashville's General Hospital Scolded For Loose Use Of Credit Cards](#)
- [Janelle Reilly Named Market Chief Executive Officer For CHI Memorial](#)
- [Tennessee hospital wants to privatize \\$75M in debt](#)
- [Erlanger expands in North Carolina](#)
- [New cancer care company lands \\$200M from former Emdeon owner](#)
- [How Nashville Changed Health Care for the Nation](#)
- [HCA preps CEO change](#)
- [Dan Miller to serve as CEO of HCA's Methodist Hospital](#)
- [Tennessee hospital wants to privatize \\$75M in debt](#)
- [Equity firm invests \\$200M to launch independent cancer care network](#)
- [CHI Memorial selects new CEO](#)
- [Quorum Health expands board of directors](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Baptist Health Medical Center partners with U of Arkansas to open new orthopedic clinic
- Izard County Hospital Gets Restraining Order After Computer Company Threat

ARIZONA

- Banner Health to hold career fairs, aiming to hire 1,500 statewide
- Arizona health department receives \$1M to address health care shortages
- Mayo Clinic to nearly double size of Phoenix campus in five-year, \$648 million project
- Iora Health to open 10 primary care clinics

LOUISIANA

- New management for north Louisiana safety-net hospitals OK'd
- Possible new ASC one step closer after Louisiana city council passes ordinance
- Ochsner Health to become minority member of CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana
- See the early Charity Hospital redevelopment proposals
- Lakeview Regional Medical Center selects Scott Montgomery as COO
- Ochsner, Christus Health leaders say joint venture will focus on physician recruitment, telemedicine

NEW MEXICO

- Rio Rancho voters to decide on reviving tax for hospital
- Vote 4 NM: The Medicaid buy-in debate
- AG probing deaths of 36 patients in doctor's care

OKLAHOMA

- Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation Hospital now open in Western Oklahoma
- Community worried Pauls Valley hospital could be closing
- Over 3K patients treated at Oklahoma Dual Entity Heart & Vascular Center
- South Central Oklahoma copes with Health Department cuts
- Hospital focus of town meeting

TEXAS

- Doctor resigns from leadership posts at Texas Health Plano after remarks about female physicians
- Killeen: CEO named for Metroplex Health System
- John Phillips is Methodist Dallas Medical Center's new president
- Famed Baylor St. Luke's surgeon linked to 2015 heart transplant patient deaths
- Medical City Weatherford names new CEO

- HCA pays \$148M for Texas hospital
- Physician pleads guilty in \$60M fraud scheme allegedly linked to patient deaths
- USMD Hospital at Fort Worth appoints CEO, CNO
- Ochsner, Christus Health leaders say joint venture will focus on physician recruitment, telemedicine

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Federal regulations add to Alaska's already high health care costs
- Providence nurses approve new contract

IDAHO

- Luke's McCall now a Level 4 trauma center
- National shortage of primary care doctors affecting rural Idaho

MONTANA

- Report: Montana health care, leisure, finance and craft beer industries thriving
- Kalispell hospital CEO to step down
- Montana loses final health navigator after cuts and added rules
- Montana health insurer wins lawsuit over cost-sharing reduction payments

OREGON

- OHSU Closed Its Heart Transplant Program. Now What?
- Portland's psychiatric ER has 7 more weeks to fix serious safety problems
- OHSU announces outside review of suspended heart transplant program
- Health Care of the Future program promises deep digs into medical business philosophies
- Oregon's Uninsured Rate Stagnates

WASHINGTON

- Ascension exits Northwest with sale of Washington hospital
- Healthcare Tech Culture Underdeveloped In Seattle
- Seattle Children's New North Clinic Opens In Everett, Wash.
- Process begins to guide Kaiser Permanente's \$400M Capitol Hill campus renovation
- PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center inpatient rehab unit closing
- Swedish cuts 550 jobs as part of ongoing reorganization
- Iora Health to open 10 primary care clinics
- Amazon VP Mark Mitchke Named CEO of Delta Dental of Washington

WYOMING

- [Hospital on the hill: Weston County Memorial Hospital](#)
- [CCH Volunteer receives award from Wyoming Hospital Association](#)

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- [Public can weigh in on proposed Dignity Health-CHI hospital merger](#)
- [How hospital consolidation in California increased healthcare costs](#)
- [Dignity Health merger with Denver firm supported](#)
- [Patrick Soon-Shiong failed to turn around Verity Health: 7 things to know about where the system stands now](#)
- [Closed California hospital files for bankruptcy, owes \\$250K to employees](#)
- [California health system's bankruptcy challenged by employee union](#)
- [California: A Health Care Laboratory With Mixed Results](#)
- [Despite hospital closing, Bay Area health care market is booming, officials claim](#)
- [Bill Would Exempt HIPAA Covered Entities from California Privacy Law](#)
- [Timekeeping software won't let Dignity Health nurses log any overtime, lawsuit says](#)
- [Dignity Health's timekeeping software denies nurses overtime pay, lawsuit alleges](#)
- [Nurses claim staffing crisis at 2 California hospitals](#)
- [Cash-strapped California hospital to close ER Sept. 16](#)
- [Hospital drops Envision over out-of-network charges](#)
- [Alameda Health System names CIO](#)

COLORADO

- [New Colorado Springs hospital CEO readying ambitious expansion plan](#)
- [Paladina Health expands direct primary care offering to Fort Collins](#)
- [Dignity Health merger with Denver firm supported](#)
- [Colorado Plains Medical Center selects new CEO](#)
- [Colorado medical group acquires Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic](#)
- [Fitzsimons Innovation Community turns CU Anschutz Medical Campus into thriving biotech hub](#)

HAWAII

- [Hawaii Pacific Health to open \\$3.1M clinic at Ward Village](#)
- [Hawaii Pacific Health to open clinic at Kakaako tower](#)

NEVADA

- Carson Tahoe Health celebrates 100 robotic-assisted surgeries
- Nevada city's sole hospital to end labor and delivery services Oct. 1
- Mesa View Regional Hospital to stop inpatient labor and delivery services
- Mountain's Edge Hospital adding \$7M orthopedic surgery center in rapidly expanding area
- Nevada HIE Wins \$1.2M to Expand Health Data Exchange Capabilities
- Three file suit against Dignity Health, company that runs Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital

UTAH

- Hospital group based in Utah will make own generic drugs, promising to save patients millions
- Dixie Regional Medical Center puts final touches on \$300 million expansion
- Castleview names interim CEO
- Intermountain Life Flight celebrates 40 years of saving lives
- Intermountain Healthcare Now Delivers the Nation's First "One Stick" Hospitalization for Inpatient Blood Draws