

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - OCTOBER 5, 2018

NATIONAL

- Verma puts Medicaid insurers on notice, says CMS will begin 'targeted audits'
- While surgery centers support CMS payment proposal, hospital groups submit harsh criticism
- Supreme Court to hear DSH payments case
- Banner Health, Ascension executives join hundreds of hospital CEOs defending 340B program
- MGMA shares physician practice keys to success
- MGMA18: Underwhelming MIPS payments leave physicians 'feeling like it was just for nothing'
- GAO: 10 things to know about the spike in rural hospital closures
- Medicare DSH Payment Case Makes Its Way to the Supreme Court
- Physician pay, productivity slows for first time in a decade
- Coalition applauds CMS proposal to expand site-neutral payment policy
- 4 ways the FDA is tackling medical device security, according to Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb
- Joint Commission advises on avoiding patient ID errors
- Verma's Medicaid speech: 5 quotes

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Bridgeport Hospital moving ahead with plans to absorb Milford Hospital
- Yale New Haven Health seeks to acquire Milford Hospital
- Stamford Hospital promotes Silard to CEO as Grissler quietly steps down
- Hartford HealthCare Acquiring St. Vincent's Medical Center
- Greenwich Hospital transferring hospice program to service provider
- Ascension agrees to sell Connecticut hospital
- Connecticut hospital closes hospice program
- Yale New Haven Health to add 6th hospital

MAINE

- Maine Med files plans for 6-story building on Congress Street
- Judge hears arguments in Medicaid expansion lawsuit as applicants get denied

- Maine Medical Center advances \$525M expansion project
- Inland Hospital to celebrate name change Monday
- Maine hospitals get creative to find nurses
- UMaine partners with Bangor Savings, Northern Light Health in pilot workforce program
- Maine health system looks to the Philippines to recruit nurses
- Medical center president outlines vision as new name takes effect

MASSACHUSETTS

- AdCare Hospital adds new CFO
- Boston Children's Hospital, MedStar win interoperability awards
- Cape Cod Healthcare And Spaulding Rehab Hospital Come Out Against Question 1
- Backers of nurse staffing proposal object to agency's study
- Nebraska Medicine, Mass General awarded \$3M to pilot disaster medicine plan
- Report raises concerns about potential Massachusetts health system merger
- Ex-CEO, Martha's Vineyard Hospital reach settlement after abrupt firing last year
- Massachusetts nurse staffing mandate could cost nearly \$950M annually

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Pelham company honored for innovative pump technology
- Frisbie Memorial Hospital selects permanent CEO

NEW YORK

- Coney Island Hospital gets closer to \$738M renovation
- New York hospitals see slight drop in readmissions, but rates still high
- MVHS secures financing for downtown Utica hospital project
- Readmission drop for New York hospitals, but rates remain highest in the country
- Sloan Kettering hospital exec must turn over windfall stake in biotech firm
- Memorial Sloan Kettering's former CMO 'crossed lines,' says board chairman
- New York health officials advance \$738M Coney Island Hospital renovation
- Memorial Sloan Kettering CEO resigns from Merck's board
- Coney Island Hospital's new 11-story tower takes step forward
- John's CEO leaving to lead hospital near New York City
- Hospital readmission rates rise in 2 of 3 GLOW-region hospitals
- New York healthcare network to move billing jobs to Michigan

RHODE ISLAND

- Health officials expedite review of proposed hospital merger
- Partners-Care New England merger granted expedited review
- Rhode Island awarded \$12.6 million to combat opioid addiction

VERMONT

- Union nurses ratify contract with Burlington hospital
- UVM Medical Center's CEO protests care board's budget cut order

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- New CEO starts tenure at Nemours Children's Health System
- Here comes the SUN: New psychiatric hospital christened in Georgetown
- Nurse Fired Over Back Brace Wins Lawsuit Against Delaware Hospital
- Delaware doctors perform first liver transplant in Jamaica on boy who had 'days to live'

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Sibley Memorial Hospital to open proton therapy center in 2019
- It's showtime for Washington, DC, collaborative practice agreements
- DC-area doctor who treated 9/11 Pentagon victims killed in Md. crash

MARYLAND

- Laurel Regional Hospital wins approval for 75K-sq.-ft. facility offering outpatient surgery
- Johns Hopkins graduate students announce plans to unionize
- Saint Agnes hospital adopts Ascension name to its own
- Maryland Health Enterprise Zones linked to reduced hospitalizations and costs
- U of Maryland Shore Regional Health plans \$350M replacement hospital

NEW JERSEY

- Latest opioid data: Good and bad news for New Jersey
- Drugmaker Pfizer's CEO Read to be replaced by COO Bourla
- Meet the new president/CEO at Jersey City Medical Center
- The strategic changes a New Jersey ASC is making as healthcare shifts to value-based care
- Jersey City Medical Center promotes COO to CEO: 4 things to know
- Mark Sparta is Hackensack University Medical Center's new president

PENNSYLVANIA

- Mary to become part of regional health system

- Philadelphia hospitals see readmission penalties decline
- UPMC Provides First Look At Its 3 New Hospitals
- Court puts Golden Living back on hot seat over claims that provider used deceptive marketing practices
- UPMC presents architects, plans for \$2B, 3-hospital project
- Mercy Fitzgerald hospitals realign in deal with Trinity Health
- Tower Health, USPI form joint venture to expand ASC network
- Evangelical Community Hospital, Geisinger Announce Partnership
- AmerisourceBergen to pay \$625M to settle civil fraud charges
- Tower Health buys 19 urgent care centers
- Tower Health acquires Premier urgent care
- UPMC, Highmark clash over newly announced prepay rule for out-of-network patients
- Brandywine Hospital announces new family practice location
- Geisinger, Evangelical joint venture includes shared tech investments
- Butler Health System appoints new CFO

VIRGINIA

- VCU reaches \$4 million settlement for overbilling healthcare providers
- Virginia health system authority to pay US nearly \$4M to resolve inaccurate billing
- Lynchburg-area hospital CEO steps down
- Health-care IT company moving to Rosslyn
- Centra Health CEO steps down

WEST VIRGINIA

- WVU Medicine to offer heart transplants
- Wheeling Hospital Among 40 Worldwide To Offer Heart Procedure

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Ken Kates sees last day as University of Iowa hospitals CEO
- Mercy receives \$250,000 grant from Variety
- Robotic baby joins Cedar Rapids hospital as high-tech practice tool

KANSAS

- Olathe Health Names CEO To Succeed Retiring Devocelle, Who Spent 43 Years At Helm
- Kansas hospital to close by year's end

- Federal judge dismisses false-claims lawsuit against Lawrence hospital
- \$29M verdict for doctor who was fired after reporting understaffing in JoCo hospital
- Another rural Kansas hospital is closing. A new fight over Medicaid expansion has begun

MINNESOTA

- U Of M, Fairview Health Services Announce Partnership
- CMS cites 2nd Minnesota hospital for violating patient rights
- Luke's Names Katherine Becker Vice President of Corporate Compliance
- Mayo Clinic leads among the biggest hospital construction projects that kicked off in September
- Medicare DSH Payment Case Makes Its Way to the Supreme Court
- Fairview Range selects Patrick Sharp as CEO
- BCBS of Minnesota CEO: 5 thoughts on competing with UnitedHealth, Anthem

MISSOURI

- Missouri neurosurgeon, fiancée fined \$5.49M in kickback case involving spinal implant distributor
- Work Begins On New Mercy South Hospital Cancer Center
- SSM Health St. Louis University Hospital alleged to have failed to monitor man's post-operative condition
- Louis hospitals create residencies for new nurses at risk for burnout
- Mercy system will close its hospital in Fort Scott, Kansas
- Decades of service from St. Louis-area hospitals
- Public paychecks: The highest-paid St. Louis hospital and health system employees
- Ascension adds two board members
- 4 new health system markets adopt Ascension name
- David Baumgartner is interim president of Mercy Health Saint Mary's
- Missouri medical billing company notifies patients of HIPAA breach

NEBRASKA

- UNMC outlines plan to improve rural health in Nebraska
- Nebraska Medicine, Mass General awarded \$3M to pilot disaster medicine plan
- With \$3 million grant, Nebraska Medicine will plan for big disasters like Joplin tornado, Vegas shooting
- Methodist Jennie Edmundson breaks ground for \$18 million facility

NORTH DAKOTA

- Doctor, consumer group asks judge to remove ND from Affordable Care Act lawsuit
- Police Probe Patient Death at Grand Forks Psych Hospital

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Burke hospital expansion made possible by SDFB donation
- Sanford Health now co-owns 3 hotels

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Hospital ordered to pay over disabilities
- How 10 big Chicago hospitals vow to step up for 18 hurting neighborhoods
- Illinois Finance Authority — \$340.9 Million for OSF Healthcare
- Illinois high court rules for hospital tax exemptions, but some say fight isn't over
- John's CEO leaving to lead hospital near New York City
- Advocate Aurora Health partnering with incubator Matter
- Lawsuit claims Advocate Health facilities failed to diagnose, treat woman's lung cancer
- HSHS St. John's Hospital CEO to resign

INDIANA

- Vincent buying land near US-31 & I-465
- Vincent Light on Details of Carmel Property Purchase
- Vincent says it will buy Carmel land now and decide what to do with it later
- You know that hospital on 86th Street? It's about to undergo a name change.
- Endocyte Hits \$1.5B Mark
- Kosciusko Community Hospital names CEO

KENTUCKY

- Jewish Hospital celebrates 300th lung transplant
- Jewish Hospital president dismisses reports of pending closure
- LifePoint taps William Haugh as Central Kentucky market president
- Jewish Hospital's role stressed as president denies any closure plans
- Reason for Baptist Health midwives decision unclear
- Hosparus CEO elected chairman of national health organization
- Lacuna Health and Carelinx announce strategic partnership
- Jewish Hospital, KentuckyOne continue to sink in value, new report says
- BrightSpring adds new position to its C-suite
- Jewish Hospital, KentuckyOne continue to sink in value, new report says
- Jewish Hospital, affiliated facilities financial woes continue

MICHIGAN

- Tenet's Detroit Medical Center strikes deal with 300-member physician group
- Detroit hospital, school finalize deal to extend partnership
- Two DCHS employee unions want Schon out as CEO
- DCHS will retain counsel for 'restructuring' not bankruptcy
- Trinity Health forms new 5-hospital system
- Monroe health department, ProMedica create new partnership
- Nurses call for Michigan hospital CEO to step down as possibility of bankruptcy looms
- Lakeland, Spectrum Health partnership to improve patient care, access
- Royal Oak hospital receives national nursing designation
- DMC fires 3 cardiologists from leadership positions, another resigns
- WMU's Unified Clinics receives \$1.5M state appropriation
- 2 of 4 cardiologists claim DMC pushed them out of leadership roles in retaliation
- New York healthcare network to move billing jobs to Michigan
- Nurses, Michigan Medicine reach tentative labor deal
- Michigan Medicine may have exposed 3.7K patients' contact information during fundraising campaign

OHIO

- Luke's Hospital and Toledo Clinic recognized for quality at a low-cost
- Summa seeks bidders for possible merger/partnership
- Mercy Health-Allen Hospital president to retire
- Cleveland Clinic adds Florida health system to its ranks
- Google wants to help tackle the opioid epidemic in Ohio
- Ohio hospitals form joint venture for outpatient ophthalmology clinic
- Kettering Health Network taps president for Fort Hamilton Hospital
- Cleveland Clinic to implement Oracle cloud-based healthcare platform
- Interim health care leaders named for Dayton-area organizations
- Dayton Children's looks to construct new outpatient center, parking garage
- Downtown federal building now home to Tele-Intensive Care Unit
- Greater Cincinnati hospital taps former Mercy Health executive as president
- Here's why a Cincinnati hospital system is taking back unused medications
- Cleveland Clinic may grow to 15 hospitals

WISCONSIN

- Universal Health Services to build 120-bed psychiatric hospital in Milwaukee County
- Woleske takes helm as Bellin President, CEO
- Unpaid Medical Bills In Wisconsin Are Climbing Again After Decline
- FOX 11 Investigates a growing doctor shortage in Wisconsin
- Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital Milwaukee plans investment in new neurosurgery program
- Wisconsin drops from first to fourth in national health care report
- Clare names new president
- Advocate Aurora Health partnering with incubator Matter
- Froedtert South plans hospital and medical office in Mount Pleasant
- Froedtert Health closes FY 2018 with net income of \$232M
- Wisconsin hospital improves patient safety after suspended nurse charged with abuse in NICU

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Flowers Hospital names Matt Blevins new chief operating officer
- University of South Alabama announces new name for hospital
- Local Health Clinic Expands Medical Care to Entire Community
- Alabama hospital names 1st female CEO

FLORIDA

- Feds, Hospital Chain Reach Deal On Fraud Allegations
- UCF's teaching hospital gets its first CEO
- Cleveland Clinic agrees to invest \$250M in Florida hospital
- Two hospitals, Tampa Community and Memorial, to merge in November
- Lee Health ends another year profitable, but notably less than recent years
- CEO of Florida Hospital New Smyrna to retire in December
- UHS opens facilities in Washington and Florida
- Lee Health is training a new generation of in-demand doctors. But can it keep them?
- Central Florida hospitals get Medicare penalty for high readmission rates
- HCA to merge 2 Florida hospitals
- Nemours Children's CEO begins tenure
- Broward Health CEO Beverly Capasso abruptly resigns

GEORGIA

- Physicians say BCBS of Georgia has denied hundreds of patients' ER claims: 'This puts patients in a terrible position'
- Consultant: Loss of hospital accreditation can be catastrophic
- Medicare Readmission Penalties Hit Dozens Of Georgia Hospitals Again
- HCA No Longer Included in BCBS of Georgia Network
- Savannah's Memorial hospital, Blue Cross renew network agreement
- Gwinnett Medical Center: Some patient information exposed on Twitter

MISSISSIPPI

- Woman Gets More Than 3 Years in Prison in Pharmacy Fraud
- Dominic Health Services transferring to new ownership
- Louisiana Catholic hospitals could add Mississippi hospital
- Nursing numbers fail to keep pace with growing need and losses to profession
- 'Healthy children learn better': UMMC clinics bring health care to Jackson, Delta schools

NORTH CAROLINA

- North Carolina Physicians' Whistleblower Lawsuit Leads to Second Multi-Million-Dollar Recovery in Ground-Breaking Emergency Room Fraud Case
- Lake Norman Regional parent company to pay \$260 million in fraud cases
- Mission's sale will generate millions for health care in WNC. Who is in charge then?
- Nash UNC heart care accredited
- New ER protocol results in earlier discharges, shorter hospital stays
- Novant Health Mint Hill Medical Center Opens To Provide Comprehensive Care For Mint Hill Community
- New medical building on the way to Cramerton
- Take a look at the FirstHealth medical facility that opened Monday
- As Pender Memorial reopens, NHRMC officials face questions about its closure
- Forsyth Medical, Wake Forest Baptist face lower penalties for patient readmission rates
- Major medical deal you probably didn't know about
- Mission Health System CMIO Dr. Charles Sawyer: Key opportunities for innovation & technology today

SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina hospital systems get new name after merger
- MUSC to provide health care to port employees
- SC doubled its funds for the opioid crisis. Here's what we're doing with it.
- McLeod plans to open Carolina Forest physical therapy center in spring
- Why some South Carolina hospitals struggle to establish mass shooting protections

TENNESSEE

- Nashville health care company hacked
- Vanderbilt, University of Tennessee health systems form statewide 'value-based' network
- Quorum divests shuttered Tennessee hospital
- Nashville health system reveals name change
- Erlanger Health System's growth continues
- CHS shares plunge to below \$3
- EEOC sues Saint Thomas Health over mandatory flu shot policy

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Northwest Health appoints CEO for Bentonville hospital
- Mercy Hospital Breaks Ground on \$5.13M Expansion
- Mercy Northwest Arkansas opens sixth clinic in Bentonville
- AMP News- Marcy Doderer – Hospital CEOs
- AMP News- Kevin Decker – Hospital CEOs
- AMP News- Chris Barber – Hospital CEOs
- AMP News- Bruce Murphy – Hospital CEOs
- AMP News- Chad Aduddell – Hospital CEOs
- Ascent Children's Health Services to close all facilities
- Hospital in Conway, Arkansas donates \$5k to Conway Medical Center

ARIZONA

- Banner taps Loyola executive to lead Banner-University Medicine
- MCHC preps for renovations, adds new building
- Disability advocacy firm sues Arizona hospital over access to patients

LOUISIANA

- Children's Hospital opens new facility for patients' families
- Louisiana needs to modernize its health care payment system
- Louisiana Catholic hospitals could add Mississippi hospital
- Louisiana hospital works with Health Catalyst to improve analytics
- New CEO for Acadian Medical Center announced
- Louisiana health system stuck in antitrust suit brought by ex-hospital operator, health plan

NEW MEXICO

- Local health care leader lands new hospital CEO role
- TriCore exec lands leadership role in national association

OKLAHOMA

- Patients diverted from Panhandle ER that lacked doctor, meds
- John Health System to become Ascension St. John
- CHS divests Oklahoma hospital

TEXAS

- Consulting firm recommends hospital focus on brand to improve financial health
- San Antonio Hospital System Sued for Pregnancy Discrimination
- Woman's Hospital of Texas earns neonatal designation
- Memorial Hermann to merge with Baylor Scott & White creating largest health system in Texas
- In new building construction, Christus Spohn boasts \$400 million in local economic impact
- Tenet Healthcare, Hospital for Special Surgery form joint venture to build \$23M ASC
- Children's Medical Center Plano Reaches Its 10-Year Anniversary
- Survey: Texas Physicians Are Among The Most Likely To Be In Private Practice
- In Texas, Healthcare Leaders Take a Tech-Enabled Approach to Combat the Opioid Crisis
- Top Texas health systems agree to merge
- Texas Children's receives \$50M pledge for tower, cancer center
- Tyler County Hospital CEO retires
- South Texas Health System names Lance Ames permanent CEO of 2 facilities
- CEO: Baylor Scott & White Health will vacate Bryan Tower in Dallas
- Fort Worth woman charged in \$30 million healthcare fraud scheme at area clinics
- 5 Houston area hospitals recover patient medical records found on street

NORTHWEST

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

IDAHO

- Saint Alphonsus Mobile Health Clinic receives 2018 Community Health Award
- Tommy Ahlquist explains impact from new Meridian medical complex
- Pullman Hospital may ask voters for \$29.5 million

MONTANA

- Montana health systems pays \$24M to settle kickback allegations

- Montana governor, hospitals speak in support of tobacco tax ballot initiative

OREGON

- Adventist Health Portland seeks to fill dozens of nursing positions
- Providence Portland Medical Center selects COO
- Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center CEO to resign

WASHINGTON

- UHS opens facilities in Washington and Florida
- Astria Regional Medical Center CEO to retire next month
- Seattle database tracks superbugs, helps hospitals find best drugs to fight them

WYOMING

- Psychologist admits to over \$6 million in fraudulent Medicaid bills
- USDA denies loan for Pinedale hospital
- Memorial Hospital of Carbon County closes in on bidding process for BI-Rite building
- Changes coming to Castle Rock Hospital District Board of Trustees

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Patient brokering bill advances in California; sober home measure stalls
- Nurses air concerns over Dignity Health merger; Official says fears unfounded
- Brad Simmons to serve as interim CEO of UC Davis Medical Center
- California's Newly Minted Health Care Laws: Doctor Misconduct, Drug Prices, Kids' Meals And More
- Most California hospitals take a hit on Medicare reimbursement due to readmissions
- California hospital operator enters bankruptcy after Anthem sues
- UC nurses approve five-year contract with 15 percent wage increases
- Verity Health System's bankruptcy sparks concern from union members
- Woman says Scripps Health keeps sending her other patients' health records
- California hospital plans new L.A. tower
- Dignity Health's net income more than doubles

COLORADO

- Community Hospital recognizes for financial improvement
- Banner Health to open new Greeley urgent care
- Nurses air concerns over Dignity Health merger; Official says fears unfounded

- Banner Health to host forums on its collaboration with M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
- DaVita Reaches \$270 Million Settlement For Medicare Fraud Claims
- UHealth Enters Strategic Supply Chain Partnership to Uncover Greater Savings Opportunities to Improve Patient Care
- UHealth has about 285 job openings for Colorado hospital opening next year
- Coloradans pay more as hospital building spree leads to empty beds and profits nearly twice the national average
- CHI's operating loss shrinks as cost-cutting efforts take hold

HAWAII

- The newest trend at health care facilities: Providers should get the flu shot or 'mask up'
- Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific celebrates 65 years

NEVADA

- City files legal actions against Mesa View Regional Hospital
- Nevada again lands at bottom of national health-care ranking
- Changing health care landscape won't change SNMH
- Mercy Hospital Fort Scott to close
- Beyond Stark: Nevada's Lesser-Known Physician Self-Referral Laws

UTAH

- Utah's Health Department Says Opioid-related Overdose Deaths In Utah Are Declining
- Utah Hospital Executive Named New CEO Of Northwest Medical Center-Bentonville
- 9 things to know about the hospital-owned generic drug company