

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - OCTOBER 12, 2018

### NATIONAL

- [Healthcare job growth continues; hospitals add 12K positions in September](#)
- [12 recent hospital, health system outlook and credit rating actions](#)
- [MGMA18: Physicians frustrated over lack of advanced APMs](#)
- [Want your medical records? Better be prepared to call—and pay up](#)
- [Hospitals and physician groups take on risk in BPCI Advanced model](#)
- [10 informative Q&As with hospital and health system CISOs](#)
- [BPCI Advanced model attracts 'robust' interest of almost 1,300 providers](#)
- [Doximity Uses Data to Unearth Looming Oncologist Shortage](#)
- [Trump signs bills aimed at increasing drug price transparency](#)
- [CVS Health-Aetna deal OK'd by Justice Department](#)
- [BPCI Advanced to include bundled payments for 3 outpatient clinical episodes: 5 insights](#)
- [How leading health systems customize EHRs, leverage analytics to improve opioid prescribing](#)
- [For-profit hospital operator M&A update: 17 latest deals involving CHS, Tenet, HCA and LifePoint](#)
- [CMS Correcting Errors in 2017 MIPS Final Score Calculations](#)
- [CMS boosts oversight of Medicare's accrediting organizations](#)
- [Confusion around FDA policies hinders medical device security, report suggests](#)
- [Amazon patents new Alexa skill to detect when user is sick](#)
- [Physicians push back on telemedicine reimbursement proposal](#)
- [What health execs can learn from Uber, Airbnb](#)

### NORTHEAST

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

### **CONNECTICUT**

- [Medicare To Penalize 27 Hospitals For High Readmissions](#)
- [Report: Health care sector to lead Connecticut jobs growth](#)
- [Patient access tops new Stamford Hospital CEO's focus](#)
- [Ascension agrees to sell Connecticut hospital](#)
- [Hartford HealthCare Moves Forward With St. Vincent's Acquisition](#)

- Connecticut hospital closes hospice program
- 82 percent of CT hospitals finished fiscal '17 in the black
- Senator urges OIG to probe sterilization protocols at Connecticut VA hospital
- Hospitals healthy overall, but Rockville, Manchester lag
- Most Connecticut hospitals will see financial penalties due to readmissions
- Hartford HealthCare gives woman wrong health records

## MAINE

- Mayo Regional Hospital recognized for tobacco-free achievements
- Memorial Hospital Names Interim CEO
- \$5M to help community health centers combat substance use disorders

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Newton doctor begins tenure as president of Boston Children's Hospital
- Former Tufts hospital chief named interim CEO of Wellforce
- Massachusetts nurse staffing mandate could cost nearly \$950M annually
- Exeter Hospital vows improved care with pending merger
- Agency: Nurse ratios could increase health costs nearly \$1B
- Hospital CEOs reviewing impact of ballot initiative Question 1 on healthcare system
- Question 1 Loses Ground In Newest Poll; Incumbents Enjoy Cushion
- State officials set new conditions on Beth Israel-Lahey merger
- Massachusetts Physician Guilty in HIPAA Case
- Boston hospitals warn doctors to disclose industry ties

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- LRGH breaks ground on emergency department renovation project
- H. hospitals announce new partnership, proposed merger
- Exeter Hospital exploring affiliation with WDH, MGH
- Lakes Region General Hospital emergency department renovation begins
- New Hampshire-based Memorial Hospital selects interim CEO

## NEW YORK

- These young cardiologists are opening tech-infused health clinics all over New York
- John's CEO leaving to lead hospital near New York City
- New York healthcare network to move billing jobs to Michigan
- Cayuga Medical Center CEO John Rudd to retire

- [How NYU Langone used data science to boost its care coordination strategies](#)
- [MedMen signs deal to acquire PharmaCann in \\$682 million stock deal](#)
- [Erie County receives \\$3.4M in federal funds to fight opioid crisis](#)
- [Southampton Hospital welcomes chief nursing officer](#)
- [Long Island has 2 new options for becoming a doctor](#)
- [Columbia UMC-trained cardiologists open tech-focused heart clinics in New York: 6 things to know](#)

## RHODE ISLAND

- [CCRI announces CVS partnership to strengthen pharma pipeline](#)
- [SEIU: Groden Center, union reach tentative three-year contract agreement](#)
- [Southcoast Health leads nursing facility initiative to safely return elderly home](#)
- [Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket unveils \\$6M addition](#)

## VERMONT

- [Copley Hospital cuts costs in response to state's concern](#)
- [VNA is now UVM Home Health & Hospice](#)
- [UVMHC opioid prescribing rates continue downward trend](#)

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- [New healthcare center to replace Milford Memorial Hospital moves forward](#)
- [Wilmington health care network to administer over 11,000 employee flu shots](#)
- [Treatment options still lag in Delaware, says AG's report](#)
- [Delaware goes digital with 24/7 mental health and addiction referrals](#)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [Washington Adventist Hospital Offers Innovative Heart Treatment](#)
- [Sibley Memorial Hospital to open proton therapy center in 2019](#)
- [C. Council to do 'everything legally possible' to keep Providence hospital open](#)

## MARYLAND

- [Washington Adventist Hospital Offers Innovative Heart Treatment](#)
- [These are Baltimore's highest-paid hospital execs](#)
- [Johns Hopkins researchers develop tool to predict patient no-shows](#)
- [Johns Hopkins names research building after Henrietta Lacks](#)
- [Johns Hopkins Medicine names Dr. Allen Kachalia SVP of patient safety and quality](#)

## NEW JERSEY

- Insurance industry assesses the state of health care in New Jersey
- Hunterdon Healthcare looking to expand patient, family advisory council
- RWJBarnabas exec placed on administrative leave after racially charged comment
- Seasoned Health Care Executive Joins Fastest-Growing Home Care Company as CEO
- Esser named chief of staff at Hackensack Meridian Health
- Aetna settles with New Jersey over privacy breaches; HIV status may have been disclosed
- Here's another New Jersey community hospital seeking a merger
- Louisiana hospice company buys New Jersey-based chain

## PENNSYLVANIA

- UPMC-Highmark battle for market domination rattles Medicare patients, politicians
- Butler Health System appoints new CFO
- Allegheny Health Network breaks ground for 10-bed hospital in Harmor
- UPMC Hamot breaks ground on \$111M patient tower
- Final beam in place at St. Luke's Milford hospital site
- Hospital granted \$46,606 for PRIME project
- UPMC workers set to strike in Pittsburgh
- Air Force health care leader joins Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health
- Pottstown Hospital nurses OK contract
- Allegheny Health hospital fire forces visitor, patient moves
- Lehigh Valley Health Network CMIO Dr. Donald Levick: Biggest challenge & top priority in the role

## VIRGINIA

- LewisGale acquires Virginia Orthopaedic
- 's new Medicaid eligibility requirements take effect Jan. 1

## WEST VIRGINIA

- Wheeling Hospital Among 40 Worldwide To Offer Heart Procedure
- CEO Michael Casdorff retires from Highland-Clarksburg Hospital
- 3 West Virginia ASCs apply for CONs
- Virtual hub to help move biomedical technologies, products into marketplace

## CENTRAL

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

## IOWA

- Iowa county close to selling struggling health care center
- Longtime UnityPoint Health-Cedar Rapids head announces retirement
- UI Hospitals and Clinics to open psychiatric crisis unit

## KANSAS

- Fort Scott hospital closing revives debate over Medicaid
- Southeastern Kansas hospital to close
- Former ER Nurse Loses Whistleblower Suit Against Kansas Hospital
- \$29M verdict for doctor who was fired after reporting understaffing in JoCo hospital
- Former Mercy Clinics To Stay Open Under New Management
- Menorah Medical names new CMO
- Kansas takes over 21 struggling nursing homes as the industry faces growing obstacles

## MINNESOTA

- Fairview Range selects Patrick Sharp as CEO
- 9 things to know about the hospital-owned generic drug company
- Minnesota hospitalizations have quadrupled for heart valve infections among drug users since 2010
- Mayo Clinic completes Epic install at remaining campuses
- Minneapolis considers supervised injection sites to address opioid crisis
- Mayo Clinic gets \$10M donation to support 5 initiatives
- Essentia to continue mandatory flu shot policy

## MISSOURI

- Messenger: SLU patient calls new bill 'a gouge dressed up as something fancy'
- There are low-cost health options in St. Louis — but not where the need is greatest
- The Longtime CEO Of KC CARE Steps Down
- 9 things to know about the hospital-owned generic drug company
- Missouri medical billing company notifies patients of HIPAA breach
- Ascension agrees to sell Connecticut hospital
- Francis touts new night telemedicine program
- SSM tackles transformation by building business models
- Marshaling change: SSM Health transformation chief tells us how
- Mayor: hospital sale proposal bittersweet
- SSM Health names Michael Richards system vice president

## NEBRASKA

- Nebraska Medicine opens new neurology clinic
- CHI Health to start manufacturing generic prescription drugs
- Methodist Jennie Edmundson breaks ground for \$18 million facility
- UNMC helps create road map to treat staph infections that cuts antibiotic use

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

- North Dakota tribes join 'historic' court filing to detail impact of opioid crisis
- State Hospital works on staff shortages
- Tribal health initiative funding approved

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

- Sanford Health namesake donated over \$1 billion, and he still made Forbes billionaires list
- South Dakota town tries to save nursing home
- What is telemedicine? Avera eCARE CEO explains
- PHOTOS: Avera on Louise Health Campus

## **MIDWEST**

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

## **ILLINOIS**

- Illinois only state to get an 'A' for mental health parity laws
- Advocate Aurora Health enters partnership with Chicago-based health care incubator
- John's CEO leaving to lead hospital near New York City
- Jury awards \$50M in Northside Health malpractice suit
- Man sentenced for defrauding Southern Illinois Healthcare of almost \$600,000
- Northshore University HealthSystem selects new CFO
- Advocate Aurora Health breaks ground on \$130M outpatient facility
- Here's what's wrong with Chicago's health scene

## **INDIANA**

- IU Health Team Members Give Time For Community Service
- Kentucky man faces charges for hacking into Community North computer network
- Vincent Evansville to adopt Ascension as part of its name
- Hospital profits in Indianapolis were high, study finds. Why that's not good for us
- Vanderburgh Co. Health Department employee accused of violating HIPAA laws
- Hospitals in Indianapolis overcharge insurers, study suggests
- New consumer concussion app may let parents and trainers rapidly test for brain injury



- Union Hospital receives special certification from the state of Illinois
- Beacon Health to build offices for 160 staff in Mishawaka
- Health insurers for Indiana hospitals are paying 3 times what Medicare pays
- 66 Indiana hospitals hit with \$12M in readmission penalties from Medicare
- Where Deaconess Health System CMIO Dr. Diane Hunt will focus in 2019: EHR driving physician productivity metrics, consumer-driven apps & more

## KENTUCKY

- Value of KentuckyOne Louisville assets dive; Jewish Hospital organization losses mount
- Problems in Kentucky's nursing homes are matter of life, death. Time for state to act.
- Jewish Hospital, affiliated facilities financial woes continue
- Kentucky takes steps to address lack of adequate ambulance service in 6 counties
- Kentucky hospital's ex-chief of staff fails to halt \$361M sale to Baptist Health
- BrightSpring sale rumors swirl again

## MICHIGAN

- DMC's cardiology program faces problems
- CEO of McLaren Northern Michigan announces retirement
- Spectrum Health merger bringing jobs to West Michigan
- U of Michigan raises \$5B in funding; \$1.4B will support academic medical center
- New York healthcare network to move billing jobs to Michigan
- 2 of 4 cardiologists claim DMC pushed them out of leadership roles in retaliation
- Trinity Health's financial results weighed down by EHR costs
- How streamlined data exchange in Michigan provided a boost to population health
- Michigan Medicine nets \$1.4 billion from massive university fundraising campaign
- Michigan Medicine Reports 2nd Healthcare Data Breach This Year
- Tenet hospital in Michigan accused of unfair labor practices
- Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital charged with unfair labor practices, hearing set Nov. 5
- Spectrum Health finalizes merger with 3-hospital system
- Trinity Health's operating income grows 50% in FY 2018

## OHIO

- Dayton Children's seeks hundreds of workers
- Southeastern Med and OhioHealth announce management agreement
- Analysts say Summa is an intriguing partner

- Dayton Children's Hospital weighing large outpatient project
- OhioHealth assumes management of southeast Ohio hospital
- Cleveland Clinic adds another Florida health system to its footprint
- Ohio Surgery Center celebrates 20th birthday
- Mount Carmel sets record revenue, widens margin in year of hospital construction
- Fort Hamilton Hospital has new leader, Kettering Health Network announces
- U of Cincinnati Health hiring 250 nurses
- Akron Children's Hospital to operate Aultman Hospital NICU, maternal fetal medicine practice
- OhioHealth to assume management of 84-bed hospital
- OhioHealth searching for CFO, names new VP of customer experience in latest leadership moves
- OhioHealth's annual revenue tops \$4B as operating income declines

## **WISCONSIN**

- Wisconsin hospitals see unpaid medical bills rise to \$1B
- Advocate Aurora Health enters partnership with Chicago-based health care incubator
- Care coordination tools cut non-emergency ER use by 44% at Milwaukee Health Care
- Froedtert South plans Foxconn-area hospital neighboring Advocate Aurora project
- Hospital uncompensated care surges 14% to \$1.1B in Wisconsin
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin expanding clinic for outpatient orthopedic services
- Advocate Aurora Health breaks ground on \$130M outpatient facility
- Wisconsin shelled out \$1.1B for uncompensated care in FY17
- Community Memorial Hospital ranked first among nation's complex teaching medical centers
- Children's to move outpatient orthopedic services to expanded Greenfield clinic

## **SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

### **ALABAMA**

- Alabama Nurses Association concerned about state nursing shortage
- New urgent care facility to open at Northside Medical Associates
- UAB center dedicated to pancreas and bile duct diseases established

### **FLORIDA**

- Florida Hospital to expand cardiovascular institute
- AdventHealth will be official sponsor of Daytona Speedweeks
- Cleveland Clinic Florida to gain 'anchor institution' Indian River Medical Center



- Florida Hospital Winter Garden to add 100-bed pavilion
- 206 Florida hospital patients notified of bill-printing error
- How Florida's HCA-dominated for-profit market affects insurance payments
- Mayo Clinic completes Epic install at remaining campuses
- How Florida's HCA-dominated for-profit market affects insurance payments
- Lakeland Regional Health Named Best Large Hospital Workplace in Florida
- Chiropractors allege in suit that Florida company using illicit kickbacks to steer patients
- Medical building boom continues in Ocala
- Miami medical company will move to Tampa after Dr. Kiran Patel's \$60 million investment

## GEORGIA

- Savannah's Memorial hospital, Blue Cross renew network deal
- Georgia's system for choosing ambulance service under fire
- HCA, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Georgia salvage contract to cover Eastside General Surgery & other facilities
- Telemedicine a good step for patients in rural Georgia nursing homes
- HCA, BCBS of Georgia break ties
- Grady Hospital's \$180M expansion latest intown project to serve growing population
- Georgia OKs Piedmont Athens' \$171M expansion, renovation project

## MISSISSIPPI

- ECMHC awarded \$285k grant
- Mississippi's first robotic navigation spine surgery performed
- Forrest General's Hospice receives Best Superior Performer Award

## NORTH CAROLINA

- New Wilson Medical Center CEO focusing on emergency room issues
- North Carolina finalizes plan that could spur ASC, hospital developments — 5 takeaways
- Mission Health System CMIO Dr. Charles Sawyer: Key opportunities for innovation & technology today
- Broughton reuse plan updated, presented
- SRMC partnership to help save patients money
- Novant forms urgent-care center partnership with GoHealth
- State regulations determine who can buy medical imaging machines
- State Health Plan Launches New Provider Reimbursement Effort
- FirstHealth Convenient Care Opens Second Location in Sanford
- A new family medical building is coming to Cramerton.

- [WakeMed coming to Raleigh's Cameron Village](#)
- [Hurricane Florence has \\$4-million impact of Doshier hospital's bottom line](#)

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- [Another SC firm to offer ACA health coverage; rates hike about 5%](#)
- [Why some South Carolina hospitals struggle to establish mass shooting protections](#)
- [Charleston doctors, patients push insurers to cover 'cold cap' therapy for cancer patients](#)
- [New senior living facility planned for Lexington](#)

## **TENNESSEE**

- [Saint Thomas faces EEOC suit](#)
- [CHS shares sink to new low](#)
- [9 things to know about the hospital-owned generic drug company](#)
- [Tennessee hospitals partner for a statewide, in-network system](#)
- [Health care firm raises funding, names new CEO](#)

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

## **ARKANSAS**

- [Sale of health care provider's assets finalized](#)
- ['Changing tides' will help Arkansas' medical education outlook](#)
- [Ascent Children's Health Services to close in Mountain Home, Arkansas](#)
- [Baptist Memorial Hospital In West Memphis Prepares For Grand Opening](#)
- [Preferred Family Health's Ex-Billing Clerk Charged with Medicaid Fraud](#)
- [New Hospital An Upgrade to Crittenden County Health Care](#)

## **ARIZONA**

- [Work progressing on Arizona hospital's outpatient pavilion](#)
- [Northern Arizona Hospice opens to high country patients](#)
- [Phoenix Medical Office Vacancy Hits 10-Year Low](#)
- [Phoenix Children's Hospital distributes nearly 4,000 flu shots to employees](#)
- [Phoenix VA hospital gets lowest one-star rating for third straight year](#)
- [CHS hiring in Arizona](#)
- [Mayo Clinic completes Epic install at remaining campuses](#)
- [Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation raises record \\$1.8M in September](#)
- [Leadership responsibilities of a CMIO & improving patient care: Q&A with CMIO Dr. Sarah Kramer](#)

## LOUISIANA

- [Ochsner takes the reigns of North Louisiana's charity hospitals](#)
- [Louisiana health system stuck in antitrust suit brought by ex-hospital operator, health plan](#)
- [Ochsner gets \\$1.6M for chronic pain management study](#)
- [Slidell Memorial Hospital names Tirman new CEO](#)
- [Louisiana hospice company buys New Jersey-based chain](#)
- [Louisiana hospital enters negotiations with Ochsner as LifePoint exits market](#)

## NEW MEXICO

- [Major health care company gives notice of 381 layoffs](#)
- [UNM doctors write book on heart health](#)
- [Drug treatment outshines arrests in New Mexico pilot effort](#)

## OKLAHOMA

- [Struggling Oklahoma hospital solicits donation from country music star](#)
- [In Pauls Valley, a Rural Hospital Struggles Again to Survive](#)
- [Hospital recognized for vaccinating staff with flu shots](#)
- [Amid struggles, Pauls Valley hospital owes Medicaid fees](#)

## TEXAS

- [Why Texas hospitals' urge to merge takes precedence](#)
- [Can the Baylor-Memorial hospital merger lower the costs of health care for Texans?](#)
- [Texas Workforce Commission donates \\$300K to train Valley nurses](#)
- [Clements University Hospital recognized for quality, safety achievement](#)
- [Hospital merger will shift power to Dallas](#)
- [Texas patient recruiter sentenced to 9 years in prison for \\$3.6 million home health-care fraud scheme](#)
- [Ground Breaking for Micro Hospital in Weslaco](#)
- [New Name and Headquarters For Baylor Scott and White, Memorial Hermann?](#)
- [Amarillo VA Health Care System building outpatient clinic](#)
- [HCA closes freestanding ER in Texas](#)
- [Tenet Healthcare Joins Federal Program for Bundled Payments](#)
- [An Irving health tech company is one of CNBC's most promising U.S. startups](#)
- [This new Mansfield hospital will add 280 jobs, offer unique approach to patient care](#)
- [Driscoll Health System appoints CEO](#)
- [The First Spina Bifida Open Fetal Surgery in North Texas](#)

- Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton expansion to include new neonatal ICU
- Midlothian Breaks Ground On New Methodist Medical Center
- Baylor wants a merger to cut costs, even as its main Dallas hospital tops all in profits
- CMS to terminate Texas hospital's Medicare contract over patient safety issues

## **NORTHWEST**

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

### **ALASKA**

- Premera awards \$450K grant for rural services
- Davidson tapped as AFN keynote for broadening health care

### **IDAHO**

- Nampa nurse helps patients leave hospital with dignity
- Hospital has new labor and delivery services

### **MONTANA**

- Hospital settlement: two sides maintain different verdicts
- Big Horn County hospital receives \$10 million to renovate, expand
- Eastern Montana hospital facing backlash for hiring nurse who spent 6 years in prison for receiving child porn
- CMS ordered to pay Montana Health Co-op \$1.2M in canceled CSR payments
- CMS to pay \$1.2M to Montana insurer in cancelled cost-sharing reduction payment lawsuit
- Montana health system, orthopedic group pays \$24M to settle Anti-Kickback violation allegations

### **OREGON**

- Asante CMIO Dr. Lee Milligan's top priority for 2019 + the biggest need for innovation in healthcare delivery
- Charles Bend nurses allege unsafe staffing in operating room

### **WASHINGTON**

- Harrison Medical Center marks its centennial as relocation to Silverdale nears
- Yakima hospital reverses decision on Medicare Advantage Plan
- PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center names new COO
- Smokey Point Behavioral Hospital names new CEO
- Seattle Children's appoints chief academic officer

### **WYOMING**

- Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County almost breaks even
- Washakie Medical Center raises the bar in services offered
- Opioid bill would limit doctors to 14-day prescription for new patients

## WEST

*(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)*

### **CALIFORNIA**

- [New CEO Named For Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital](#)
- [California hospital to reopen Oct. 15 after striking deal with Adventist](#)
- [Dignity Health reports FY18 income boost](#)
- [Fight over California dialysis profits initiative heats up](#)
- [Hospital management company CEO wants money, property released amid investigation](#)
- [County offers \\$235M for local hospitals](#)
- [California bond would raise \\$1.5 billion for children's hospitals](#)
- [California law to regulate homeless patient discharges](#)
- [UC San Diego Health to open at least 10 primary care sites](#)
- [Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital names CEO](#)

### **COLORADO**

- [DaVita Celebrates Recent Awards](#)
- [9 things to know about the hospital-owned generic drug company](#)
- [UCHealth has about 285 job openings for Colorado hospital opening next year](#)
- [Hospital Prices in Colorado Increase 76% As Expansions Continue](#)
- [Local foundation gives \\$1 million to new Children's Hospital Colorado in Colorado Springs](#)
- [Kaiser Permanente blames hospitals, "unfair business practices" for \\$65 million loss in Colorado in three years](#)
- [Philadelphia-area company acquiring Denver's Perfect Teeth brand in \\$39M deal](#)
- [Women's Clinic of Northern Colorado opening Greeley operation](#)
- [Centura hospitals ranked by Heart Association](#)
- [Health insurance increases to be smaller in 2019](#)

### **HAWAII**

- [Employees of Hawaii Pacific Health come together to raise over \\$1M](#)
- [Puna health clinic teams up with Ka'u Hospital](#)

### **NEVADA**

- [Report: Nevada doesn't make the grade for health care](#)
- [Nevada hospital breaks its record for flu shots given in a day](#)
- [Las Vegas health care professionals weigh in on Mesquite hospital closing labor and delivery unit](#)
- [Residency program launches with renovated Nevada Health Center](#)

## UTAH

- [9 things to know about the hospital-owned generic drug company](#)
- [Utah neurosurgeon is using his MD to fight air pollution](#)