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- [Azar Issues 2nd HIPAA Privacy Rule Waiver in As Many Months](#)
- [Aetna Reaches Settlements with State AGs Over HIPAA Violations](#)
- [CMS signs up 1,547 providers for new bundled payment model](#)
- [Amazon, Walmart patents highlight potential of biometric monitoring](#)
- [Grassley calls for Federal Trade Commission to examine hospital, insurer contracting](#)
- [39 new ASCs were opened or announced in Q3 — here's where they're located](#)
- [Amazon to add data scientist to its health plan team: 6 things to know](#)
- [States requiring hospitals provide more info on 340B drugs](#)
- [Former Maine DHHS commissioner Mary Mayhew to lead federal Medicaid program](#)
- [Healthcare M&A slows 38% in third quarter](#)
- [Leapfrog expands ratings to hospital outpatient settings, ASCs](#)
- [CMS Proposes to Require Manufacturers to Disclose Drug Prices in Television Ads](#)
- [FDA signs agreement with Homeland Security to improve medical device security](#)
- [HHS updates security risk assessment tool](#)
- [Medicaid's new director: 3 things to know](#)
- [Trump's drug-pricing transparency plan advances](#)
- [Hospitals could save \\$25.4B annually in supply chain costs, study finds](#)

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [Milford Hospital Expands Joint Care Services](#)
- [Connecticut hospital cuts budget amid merger talks](#)
- [New Stamford Health chief aims to build 'the most trusted hospital around'](#)
- [Yale New Haven taps 1st-ever chief quality officer](#)

MAINE

- [Nearly \\$5M in funding awarded to Maine health centers](#)
- [Vermont and Maine experts team up to study opioid laws](#)

- Former Maine DHHS commissioner Mary Mayhew to lead federal Medicaid program
- Mercy Hospital looking to close, sell State Street campus

MASSACHUSETTS

- BCBS of Massachusetts backs board member after groups call for resignation
- Massachusetts officials attach stiff conditions to Beth Israel-Lahey merger
- State puts new limits on hospital merger
- Boston hospitals warn physicians to disclose industry ties amid Memorial Sloan controversy
- Boston Children's Hospital CMIO Dr. Marvin Harper's vision for 2019 and how he'll get there
- MetroWest Medical Center has new CEO
- Massachusetts lawmakers gear up for another run at health care overhaul
- Nurse staffing ratios splitting Massachusetts voters
- Complex Massachusetts insurance reimbursement system hikes costs, impedes price transparency, report finds

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire-based Memorial Hospital selects interim CEO
- Silver Linings: North Country hospital a model for dementia care
- Losing as much as \$10K per baby born, another NH hospital no longer delivers
- More hospitals cut obstetrics as deliveries decline
- Medical malpractice lawsuit against Southern New Hampshire Health gets underway in Nashua

NEW YORK

- What the COO of an Albany area physician group thinks of the CVS, Aetna deal
- Joseph's Health unveils new helipad for patient arrivals by helicopter
- Cortland Regional, Guthrie brief public on affiliation
- Proposed new medical school could help erase region's doctor shortage
- State Comptroller: Health Care Jobs On The Rise In New York
- Putnam Hospital Center Opens New Emergency Department
- Overcrowding at Montefiore Hospital has led to patients being treated in hallways: nurses
- Northwell Health seeks to raise \$530M for capital improvements, initiatives
- Why every physician at Mount Sinai's children's hospital carries referral cards for therapy dogs
- 4 thoughts from Michael Dowling, CEO of Northwell Health

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island Hospital, Brown receive \$800,000 grant to keep up fight against opioid epidemic
- RIDOH, Women & Infants partner on \$3.2M initiative to screen, treat pregnancy-related mood disorders

- [Southcoast Health to use Orb Health](#)

VERMONT

- [Vermont and Maine experts team up to study opioid laws](#)
- [Former Health Commissioner Harry Chen to lead UVM's Health Center](#)
- [UVM Home Health & Hospice named a top agency](#)

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- [Christiana Care tries to vaccinate all 12,000 employees with the flu shot — in one day](#)
- [Milford Memorial Hospital property rezoned for wellness village](#)
- [Nemours opens \\$20 million center for autism, behavioral health](#)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [Ascension's plan to close DC hospital to face roadblocks, city officials say](#)
- [C. Council bill would require Providence hospital to get approval before closing](#)
- [C. council approves bill mandating approval before hospital closures](#)

MARYLAND

- [Aberdeen planning commission approves preliminary site plan for freestanding medical center](#)
- [GRMC receives best score among Maryland hospitals](#)
- [Maryland surgical practice uses mobile app to rein in opioid prescriptions](#)
- [Johns Hopkins nurse decries 'intense' anti-union campaign at hospital](#)

NEW JERSEY

- [Here's another New Jersey community hospital seeing a merger](#)
- [New study shows health care spending up 18% in NJ](#)
- [Saint Peter's HealthCare seeks strategic partner](#)
- [Exclusive Look at Rising Health Care Spending in New Jersey](#)
- [Aetna, Humana resolve disputes with New Jersey, Texas authorities](#)
- [Hospital admissions drop 19%, outpatient push continues as New Jersey's healthcare costs soar](#)
- [RWJBarnabas exec keeps job after 'insensitive' Facebook comment about police](#)
- [New Jersey hospital to pay \\$550K annually to city after challenge of tax-exempt status](#)
- [Understanding The New Jersey Paid Sick Leave Act](#)
- [How Hackensack Meridian Health CMIO Dr. Lauren Koniaris tackles EHR challenges & changing workflows](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- Allegheny Health Network breaks ground on Brentwood hospital
- Penn Medicine wants to transform EHRs
- Penn Highlands Health Care to take on J.C. Blair Health System
- How Penn Medicine is redesigning its EHR for a new era of care
- Virtua is turning a former Acme into a cancer center
- Tower Health to rebrand home health service
- Pennsylvania ASCs report 1.1M visits in 2017, generating \$1.3B total net revenue
- Guthrie Clinic of Pennsylvania comes to rescue Cortland hospital
- Ellwood City Medical Center withholding paychecks until Monday
- Pennsylvania Supreme Court Rules False Advertising Lawsuit Against Golden Living Nursing Homes Can Move Forward
- Personalized medicine company Genomind names CEO & president
- Inspira unveils \$34M Vineland hospital expansion
- Penn Medicine loosens the reins to speed data to doctors
- Financial problems continue at struggling Pennsylvania hospital
- attorney general monitoring UPMC-Highmark Medicare dispute
- Pennsylvania hospitals treat greatest number of patients for opioid abuse in 10 years
- Easton Hospital president is out after less than two years
- UPMC Susquehanna Celebrates Two Years With UPMC and Announces Plans for Expansion
- UPMC Susquehanna to expand 2 hospitals in \$115M renovation

VIRGINIA

- Suffolk clinical research practice acquired by Georgia company
- Virginia to begin accepting applications for Medicaid health coverage on Nov. 1

WEST VIRGINIA

- Hospitals are big business in West Virginia
- Summersville Regional Medical Center striving for financial stability
- GRMC has lowest occurrence of hospital-acquired conditions in state
- 23 universities launch virtual hub to accelerate healthcare innovations

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Floyd Valley Healthcare names new CEO
- UI researcher receives \$2 million for gene-editing work on airway diseases

- HCI Care Services changes name
- Veronica Fuhs to lead both Davis, Monroe County hospitals

KANSAS

- Kansas ranks near bottom in percent of doctors taking Medicare; Missouri near the top
- More doctors take Medicare in Missouri than in Kansas
- HCA Midwest moves chief nursing officer from one OP hospital to another

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic completes Epic install at remaining campuses
- Minnesota receives \$17.7 million to help tackle opioid epidemic
- Two phishing attacks on Minnesota DHS breach 21,000 patient records
- Minnesota hospitals face critical shortage of pain medications
- Allina to consolidate call-center operations in Coon Rapids
- Presbyterian Homes acquires stake in Twin Cities health care provider serving seniors
- UnitedHealth has bought another billion-dollar pharmacy business

MISSOURI

- Ripley County Memorial Hospital closing in Doniphan
- Another rural Missouri hospital to close, urgent care facility to replace it
- SSM Health CEO Laura Kaiser on building a sustainable healthcare system
- SSM Health program streamlines communication between patients, paramedics, and physicians
- New CEO of LS Medical Center puts faith in innovation to serve growing community
- Kansas ranks near bottom in percent of doctors taking Medicare; Missouri near the top
- Popular KC doctor gets prison time for \$1.5 million in prescription drug fraud
- More doctors take Medicare in Missouri than in Kansas

NEBRASKA

- DHHS receives additional \$10.9 million for opioid prevention and response
- Medicaid expansion debated in LIBA forum

NORTH DAKOTA

- Altru Health System appoints chief philanthropy officer

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Public meeting for new IHS hospital planned
- Regional Health Hospital is helping parents grieve the loss of a child

- Regional Health wins October Sustainability Award
- Mitch Krebs' new role: head of charitable rural health program

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Cook County health system to add jobs
- The language of care: Interpreters link doctors, patients at Rockford hospitals
- Chicago health system to add 240+ jobs
- Chicago-area hospitals sending opioid overdose patients home with antidote
- This Chicago startup wants to provide autism therapy to kids nationwide
- Rush CIO Dr. Shafiq Rab to chair CHIME in 2019

INDIANA

- Indiana hospital files for bankruptcy, scales back services
- Olio Names COO
- Regenstrief/IU team creates platform to access data on patients' social factors
- Mary Medical Center Is First Hospital in NW Indiana to Offer Robot-assisted Knee-replacement Surgery
- Indy-based ER physicians' group sues Fayette Regional Health for fraud, breach of contract
- Indiana hospitals fined for patient readmissions
- Anthem to pay biggest HIPAA settlement in history
- IU Health White Memorial Hospital marks 10 years at its current location
- US HealthVest is Developing a New Behavioral Hospital on Hendricks Regional Health Plainfield Campus
- Endocyte, Novartis Ink \$2.1B Merger Agreement
- \$25M Behavioral Hospital Coming to Central Indiana
- Electric Works Lands Another Major Tenant
- Construction on MedTech Park to Begin
- Ambulance Service Owner Charged With Fraud

KENTUCKY

- Collective Medical Partners with the Kentucky Hospital Association
- Frankfort hospital searching for new CEO following Peal's departure
- A Texas firm's bankruptcy could hurt care in 21 Ky. nursing homes
- 'Remarkable' day: College of Medicine opens at Med Center
- Kentucky Among States Hit In \$27M Health Care Scam

- Kentucky governor to attend unveiling of NKU Health Innovation Center
- How much big pharma has given to U.S. legislators in Kentucky, S. Indiana
- Frankfort Regional Medical Center CEO steps down

MICHIGAN

- DMC nurses call foul in labor dispute
- Cerner's Millennium Platform Integrated at McLaren Hospital
- Audit: Michigan mental health agency CEO misspent \$19M
- Nurses at Michigan Medicine get up to 4 percent pay boost with new contract
- U of M nurses ratify three year contract
- Detroit Medical Center awaits inspections
- Health care CEO accused of cheating Medicare to sell opioids
- West Bloomfield health care CEO pleads guilty in fraud scheme
- Federal inspection underway at two DMC hospitals after dirty instruments complaint
- Walgreens and McLaren Health Care Announce Health Services and Pharmacy Collaboration

OHIO

- Trauma center planned for Mercy in Lorain
- OhioHealth searching for CFO, names new VP of customer experience in latest leadership moves
- Miami Valley Hospital searching for new president
- Premier Health COO to drop Miami Valley Hospital president title
- Akron Children's to take over Ohio hospital's NICU, maternal services
- Hiring of 250 UC Health nurses includes 35 at West Chester Hospital
- Highland District Hospital names new CFO
- Testa Development to give Boston Heights building to Akron Children's Hospital after 30-year lease
- One of Cincinnati's largest hospitals gets new chief
- Health care CEO accused of cheating Medicare to sell opioids
- Newly expanded Akron Children's Hospital outpatient center ready for patients
- Cardinal Health hires new pharmaceutical segment chief from Aramark

WISCONSIN

- Wisconsin's health care squeeze
- Network Health expands in metro Milwaukee
- New Perspective Waukesha Breaking Ground
- Aurora Health medical office building in Wauwatosa sold for \$28.8 million

- HSA planning 100-acre business park in Mount Pleasant
- Agnesian HealthCare names DeAnn Thurmer president, CNO of 2 hospitals

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- How one southern health system created capacity without adding a single bed
- Florida firm to buy majority stake in Birmingham hospice firm
- Alabama hospital clears CMS inspections after death of improperly restrained patient

FLORIDA

- Halifax Health lawsuit goes to Florida Supreme Court
- Florida Hospital Waterman names new CFO
- Nicklaus Children's Hospital Wins DNV GL Healthcare's Innovation of the Year Award
- Nurses to vote this weekend on new labor agreement
- HCA, Cleveland Clinic battle intensifies for Florida market share
- Physician charged with 26 counts of healthcare fraud
- Florida firm to buy majority stake in Birmingham hospice firm
- Lee Health ending baby deliveries at Gulf Coast Medical Center, expanding at HealthPark
- UF Health Shands Hospital celebrates 60th anniversary
- Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel to see new medical office building, parking garage
- Cleveland Clinic Florida opens \$232M expansion
- South Bay Hospital names permanent CEO

GEORGIA

- Primera Medical Group Execs Charged With Healthcare Fraud
- Grady Health seeks \$21M more from 2 Georgia counties after hike in expansion estimate
- Alpharetta company acquires biomedical firm in Tampa
- State reopening applications for rural hospital tax credits
- Georgia reopens tax credit program benefiting rural hospitals

MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi surgeons perform the state's 1st robotic spine surgery
- Bankrupt company says it could close Mississippi hospital
- Former Mississippi Hospice Owner Pleads Guilty to Fraud
- Mississippi health system blames Humana split on improper denials

NORTH CAROLINA

- Health system cuts 50 jobs in cost-cutting measure
- North Carolina hospital is 1st in region to implement Mazor
- Atrium Health seeks OK for North Carolina hospital to open in 2022
- Healthcare rivalry heats up in Charlotte area with plans for two new hospitals
- Roundtable event lets officials discuss Mission's \$1.5 billion sale to HCA
- Novant's realty arm buys Sears property at Hanes Mall for \$14.5 million
- Hospital chief details plan to reverse losses
- Wake announces job cuts
- Duke Health submits CON request for multispecialty ASC
- Vidant Medical expands ability to treat stroke victims
- Novant Health seeks approval to build its 16th hospital
- FirstHealth CEO to Retire July 2019

SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina hospital to buy local competitor
- Summerville hospital expanding its women's and children's services
- Spartanburg Regional to acquire Mary Black Health System
- CHS to divest 2 South Carolina hospitals
- MUSC seeks to upgrade its nursery ICU to the highest level, a 1st for the state
- Carolinas Hospital leader has years of health care involvement
- MUSC Telehealth Leaders Share Their Roadmap to Success

TENNESSEE

- New healthcare company in Brentwood wants to help tackle opioid addiction
- 3 alarming scripts from a nurse practitioner who was one of Tennessee's biggest opioid prescribers
- Tivity Health CEO Donato Tramuto On Overcoming Adversity
- Completion of \$9.9B deal leaves Nashville with one fewer public health care company
- Nurses from 17 HCA hospitals reach tentative labor deal
- Hospital chief details plan to reverse losses
- Two Non-Profit Health Systems Launching EHR Implementations

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- [CARTI Sees Improvement In Finances](#)
- [Little Rock Medical Sales Rep, 3 Others Plead Guilty to Multimillion-Dollar Tricare Scheme](#)
- [New Hospital An Upgrade to Crittenden County Health Care](#)
- [Arkansas' Medicaid work rule boots another 4,100 from program](#)

ARIZONA

- [Construction wraps up on Arizona surgery center](#)
- [21 Phoenix-area hospital executives hit the 7-figure salary mark](#)
- [Humana hiring for multiple jobs across the Valley](#)

LOUISIANA

- [LSU Health New Orleans gets \\$7.2M for opioid treatment program](#)
- [City sued over former Natchez General Hospital decision](#)
- [LSU Health New Orleans gets \\$1.3M to train nurses handling sexual assault patients](#)
- [\\$1.6M grant to work toward prostate cancer scanner development](#)
- [LSU Health New Orleans studying how to improve walking in children with cerebral palsy](#)
- [BCBS of Louisiana to pick up 45K member health plan](#)
- [Louisiana hospital files for bankruptcy, blames ex-administrator for financial crisis](#)
- [Lane Regional Medical Center hires CFO](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [UNM plans joint replacement, rehab centers at RR campus](#)
- [Health care co. to add 90 jobs after landing county contract](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Pauls Valley Hospital Closes Down](#)
- [Cash-strapped Oklahoma hospital closes; 130 employees laid off](#)
- [Employees of closed Oklahoma hospital push back, consider legal action](#)
- [OPEA plans to sue Oklahoma Health Dept. on behalf of 161 'wrongfully terminated' employees](#)
- [Former Pauls Valley hospital employees confront city manager over closure](#)
- [Pauls Valley hospital likely to stay closed unless donor puts up \\$5 million](#)
- [Oklahoma health notes: Former Medicaid director honored](#)

TEXAS

- [Rehabilitation hospital under construction in Temple](#)
- [Memorial Hospital of Texas County to Close OB Department](#)
- [CMS to terminate Texas hospital's Medicare contract over patient safety issues](#)

- [Texas hospital co-founder admits bribing physicians as part of \\$200M billing scheme](#)
- [Aetna, Humana resolve disputes with New Jersey, Texas authorities](#)
- [First Look: Scottish Rite's Frisco Facility is Open for Business](#)
- [Dallas physicians and nurses sentenced to prison for role in \\$11 million Medicare fraud scheme](#)
- [Parkland Names Two New Senior Vice Presidents](#)
- [Texas County Memorial Hospital defends tax proposal to finance surgery center construction](#)
- [Southwestern Health Resources, BCBS of Texas launch ACO for 130K member](#)

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- [Ex-hospital officials claim whistleblowing led to firing](#)
- [Former Alaska hospital executives claim they were fired for reporting improper billing](#)
- [Report: Healthcare industry to drive job growth in Alaska in the coming years](#)

IDAHO

- [In Medicaid expansion, small Idaho hospitals see a potential lifeline](#)
- [Melaleuca gives out \\$3 million in longevity bonuses](#)
- [Jeff Crouch named executive director of Mountain Health CO-OP](#)
- [He was flown to the hospital, then got the bill: \\$56,800 that insurance won't cover](#)

MONTANA

- [Epi-pen shortage hitting Montana pharmacies](#)
- [Bozeman Health prepares for ICU, care expansion](#)
- [Teamwork promises to help improve mental health care resources in Lincoln County](#)

OREGON

- [Adventist Health and OHSU Together Improve Inpatient Access for Oregonians](#)
- [OHSU Healthcare drops 'interim' from COO Joe Ness' title](#)
- [OHSU scientist lands on Time Magazine's 'most influential' list](#)
- [How OHSU restored a 4-year-old's sight](#)
- [Oregon Adopts New Policies For Medicaid](#)
- [Where They Stand: Oregon's Gubernatorial Candidates On Health Care](#)

WASHINGTON

- [Snoqualmie Valley Hospital pursues affiliation with Overlake Medical Center](#)
- [Good Samaritan Puyallup adds 80 beds](#)

- 31 Seattle hospital patients' frozen embryos mistakenly destroyed
- Spokane doctor chosen as Washington State Medical Association president

WYOMING

- JAC asked to sponsor UW clinic privatization plan
- Wyoming House candidates talk deficits, health care at forum
- Wyoming Man Awarded \$10M in Hospital Negligence Lawsuit

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Stephen Popkin selected as new CEO of Lompoc Valley Medical Center
- Citywide Health Plan Contracts With St. Mary's, St. Francis Hospitals
- Santa Barbara hospital completes \$820M renovation
- Tulare hospital opens under 'glorious partnership' with Adventist Health
- Placentia-Linda Hospital selects new CFO
- Two Non-Profit Health Systems Launching EHR Implementations
- Sutter Health seeks pricing information in antitrust case
- Healthcare workers to deliver petitions to Kaiser Permanente executives over job outsourcing
- Vatican gives thumbs-up to merger between Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health
- California hospital CEO, CFO put on leave amid investigation

COLORADO

- Hospital sale to Centura edges closer
- Kaiser blames 'unfair business practices' for \$65M loss in Colorado in 3 years
- Colorado hospitals doubled overhead spending over 7 years
- UCHHealth Memorial Hospital North opening expanding emergency department next week
- Colorado hospitals to Kaiser Permanente: Don't blame us for \$65M loss
- A look at Denver's life science and MOB availability
- University of Colorado Hospital gets Level 1 Trauma Center designation
- Vatican gives thumbs-up to merger between Catholic Health Initiatives and Dignity Health
- Centura, Grand Junction hospital consider agreement
- Colorado hospital installs NASA-inspired machine to aid in patients' recoveries

HAWAII

- Puna health clinic teams up with Ka'u Hospital

- Blockchain technology to expand in Hawaii following Timicoin, First Vitals Health and Wellness partnership
- Hawaii's Debate: High cost of health care

NEVADA

- SNHD Board member says they didn't approve primary care service expansion
- Local hospital in Mesquite no longer providing labor, delivery services
- Renown skilled nursing facility closing in December

UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare Partners with Grand Rounds to Increase Access to World-Class Healthcare
- Physicians group gets \$120K grant from EPA for air quality project in Utah
- Intermountain Healthcare opens 23rd hospital