

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - OCTOBER 26, 2018

### NATIONAL

- After stalling for months, HHS plans to accelerate 340B changes
- Hospitals could save \$11M per year by streamlining supply chain services
- Time Magazine: The Health Care 50: Fifty people transforming health care in 2018
- OCR Drafts NPRM on 'Good Faith' Patient Data Disclosure Rules
- Consumerism driving hospitals to break down cybersecurity boundaries
- OIG: Paying physicians more to boost screenings doesn't violate kickback laws
- HHS looks to enable innovation through value-based payment
- Geography matters in hospital quality, Healthgrades report shows
- Amazon joins NIH cloud initiative for biomedical research
- Advanced payment models could drive healthcare tech development, experts say
- Lawmakers ask CMS to reconsider ACO MSSP overhaul
- Medicaid spending grew 4.2% in 2018, survey shows
- FDA releases cybersecurity guidance
- Private equity pushes into healthcare: 8 latest deals
- House lawmakers to CMS: Site-neutral payment proposals may threaten shift to value
- OIG: Paying physicians more to boost screenings doesn't violate kickback laws
- 9 physician specialties see jump in compensation
- Malpractice suits against cardiologists jump 91% between 2006-15
- Why patient access is a hospital's top branding issue
- Tech, pharma companies prepare for congressional scrutiny
- How hospitals are preparing for CMS' price transparency change
- Hospital-owned drug company doesn't want special treatment in Washington, exec says
- Clinical documentation improvement a top priority for hospitals, survey finds

### NORTHEAST

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

### CONNECTICUT

- Stamford Health Hosts International Showcase On Best Practices

- UConn Health seeking private partnership
- CVS-Aetna merger hits snag in New York, clears Connecticut
- Rockville Gen. Hospital to close rehab facility

## MAINE

- Mercy Hospital starts fundraising campaign for new hospital
- \$10M raised puts Mercy Hospital a step closer to moving fully to Fore River campus
- Mercy Hospital seeking to raise \$20M to move out of Portland downtown
- Maine hospital to consolidate services to 1 location
- Maine directs much of emergency opioid money to treatment
- Sewall Foundation awards \$90,000 to MaineHealth Care at Home
- Mayo officials looking at merger with Northern Light Health
- MaineHealth completes hospital consolidation
- Central Maine Healthcare adds medical director in Dr. Sean McGarr

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Partners HealthCare Launches Connected Health Center of Excellence
- Healey: 'Strong conditions' needed for Beth Israel-Lahey merger
- Massachusetts lawmakers ready for another try on healthcare bill
- Question 1 -- a healthy move or ill-timed idea for Brockton area hospitals?
- What mandated nurse staffing ratios would mean for Massachusetts hospitals

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Keene hospital to lead local response in state program to reduce overdose deaths
- New Hampshire disputes analysis of opioid grant spending

## NEW YORK

- 2 Upstate Hospitals Forging Stronger Partnership
- Court rules New York hospital properly denied neurosurgeon privileges for poor interpersonal skills
- New York-Presbyterian's Steven Corwin: keeping costs down
- CVS-Aetna merger hits snag in New York, clears Connecticut
- Healthcare jobs, hiring in New York are surging, now up to 1.2 million jobs
- New York ASC partners with payer to deliver region's 1st outpatient hip replacements
- Schumer: New Poughkeepsie medical school could solve doctor shortage
- Western New York school could be first in state to add "telemedicine" to nurse's office
- How Saratoga Hospital leveraged patient monitoring to reduce transfers to ICU by 63%

- [New York hospital paid 6 other employees to 'disappear' like ex-CEO](#)
- [Capital Region hospital ERs join pilot to reduce opioid use](#)

## **RHODE ISLAND**

- [Rhode Island spends opioid grant slower than most states](#)
- [I. reports slight decline in opioid overdose deaths as national figures plateau](#)

## **VERMONT**

- [Community Health names a new CEO](#)
- [Vermont slow to spend federal opioid funding](#)
- [Rutland Regional receives national recognition](#)
- [How U of Vermont Health Network found a new frontier for cost savings through data integration](#)

## **MID-ATLANTIC / EAST**

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

## **DELAWARE**

- [Hospital says \\$2M robot enhances surgery, saves money](#)
- [Former Nemours nurse practitioner alleges age discrimination against hospital, then boss, suit says](#)
- [Delaware's lawsuit against Big Pharma: Here's what you need to know](#)

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- [DC mayor gets power to stop Providence Hospital closure](#)
- [C. Council pressures Bowser to intervene in Providence Hospital closure](#)

## **MARYLAND**

- [Maryland asks Supreme Court to uphold its generic drug anti-gouging law](#)
- [Johns Hopkins still interfering with union efforts despite NLRB case, nurse says](#)
- [Commissioner candidates show support for Chestertown hospital](#)
- [Maryland medical building with surgery center searches for lessee](#)
- [Maryland Physicians Board Lowering Fees](#)
- [PRMC excels in latest Healthgrades report](#)
- [Here's why Baltimore ranks as the 5th healthiest U.S. city](#)

## **NEW JERSEY**

- [Hackensack Meridian Health selects care transformation services president](#)
- [Atlantic Health to open surgery center in Lopatcong in joint venture with Pa. network](#)
- [Another N.J. hospital drops lawsuit to gain access to Horizon's discounted plans](#)
- [Hackensack Meridian Health selects regional presidents for 3 markets](#)

- Minnesota sues two N.J. drugmakers over 'deceptive' insulin price hikes
- UMDNJ merger, partnership with Barnabas buoy Rutgers credit profile, but pose some risks

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Nurses call for patient limits at 2 Philadelphia hospitals
- Atlantic Health to open surgery center in Lopatcong in joint venture with Pa. network
- Lehigh Valley Hospital Hazleton to Expand
- Philly Firm and Subsidiaries could pay \$18+ million to settle False Claims Act Involving Medicare
- Pennsylvania Legislature Fails to Pass Telehealth Parity Bill
- Virtual reality is more than a game at local hospitals
- As more health care shifts elsewhere, W.Pa. hospitals trying new strategies
- CHOP says patient information accessed in email data breach
- Nurses vote to authorize IRMC strike
- Mold forces closure of 4 patient rooms at UPMC hospital
- UPMC spending \$70 million for its 3 local sites over past 2 years
- UPMC invests \$12M in cancer center expansions at 2 hospitals

## VIRGINIA

- LewisGale announces new CEO to take over Dec. 1
- Report measures Virginia's health-care payments
- Bon Secours' hospital proposal in Suffolk gets an edge over Sentara's expansion request
- Bon Secours edges out Sentara Health to expand in Virginia city
- 67% of commercial insurer payments in Virginia tied to value, analysis finds

## WEST VIRGINIA

- Charleston couple alleges hospital operator's negligence caused husband injuries
- Changes coming to JGH

## CENTRAL

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

## IOWA

- Hansen Family Hospital in Iowa Falls to stop delivering babies
- Why healthcare systems need to improve system usability: Q&A with U of Iowa Health Care CMIO Dr. Maia Hightower
- Iowa hospitals say Medicaid change will cost them millions
- Groundbreaking for Iowa Specialty Hospital Clinic

## KANSAS

- Joel Phelps named president of Salina Regional Health Center
- Western Plains Medical Complex selects permanent CEO
- Children's Mercy Kansas City uses 'medical version of Snapchat' to give families surgery updates
- Salina Regional Health Center COO to take on president role: 3 things to know

## MINNESOTA

- Presbyterian Homes acquires stake in Twin Cities health care provider serving seniors
- Optum's revenues grow to \$25.4B in Q3 & more
- At HCMC, doctors pursue a new way to treat opioid addiction
- U of M Physicians pulls new CEO from the U's medical school
- Minnesota sues two N.J. drugmakers over 'deceptive' insulin price hikes
- Essentia Health's operating margin dips below 1% as costs mount

## MISSOURI

- Medical Minute: New transplant clinic open in St. Charles County
- Louis County doctor convicted for role in kickback scheme
- Louis Shriner's Hospital helping children overseas
- Health tech venture buys St. Louis peer
- Ascension, Adventist Health System JV slashes outpatient sites by 50%
- Freeman, Labette Health formalize partnership
- Health care providers partner for new surgery center
- Missouri Board of Pharmacy announces RX Cares initiative
- Second proton therapy system coming to Barnes Jewish Hospital in early 2020
- City of St. Louis to get nearly \$1M DOJ grant to combat opioid crisis
- Louis Children's Hospital names new president
- Louis Among Nation's Leaders In Getting Health Care Right
- Care concerns emerge from Missouri's 'assistant physician' licensure program

## NEBRASKA

- CUMC-Bergan Mercy certified as Level I trauma center
- Avamere makes \$170M investment in two new communities
- Study details benefits for Nebraska if Medicaid expansion proposal approved

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Talking Trinity: A new healthcare campus and medical district
- Group asks ND Supreme Court to remove Stenehjem from ACA suit

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

- [Big Pharma accused of driving up health costs with opioid scourge](#)
- [Regional Health wins October Sustainability Award](#)
- [One clinic in the Black Hills takes a stance on the opioid epidemic](#)

## **MIDWEST**

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

## **ILLINOIS**

- [Illinois' Cook County Board OKs \\$4M Medical Malpractice Settlement](#)
- [IL Payers File Pharma Lawsuit Over Opioid Prescription Costs, Safety](#)
- [Chicago-based biotech incubator gets \\$71.8 million](#)
- [Ascension, Adventist Health System JV slashes outpatient sites by 50%](#)
- [Northwestern Memorial Hospital partners with Franciscan Health on neurological services](#)
- [Big hospitals partner on pediatrics](#)
- [Report: Illinois rural health challenges include doctor shortages, opioid overdoses](#)
- [UChicago, Advocate, NorthShore partner for pediatric care](#)
- [NorthShore health system to open 50 more immediate care centers](#)

## **INDIANA**

- [Premier Hospice hopes to expand Southern Indiana outreach with Jeffersonville office](#)
- [US HealthVest to open Indianapolis hospital](#)
- [Vincent Kokomo Sleep Disorders Center appoints new Medical Director](#)
- [Novartis to acquire Indiana-based Endocyte for \\$2.1B](#)
- [Northwestern Memorial Hospital partners with Franciscan Health on neurological services](#)
- [Shirt Factory-Turned-Assisted Living Home to Open](#)
- [OrthoPediatrics Lands FDA Clearance](#)
- [Construction on MedTech Park to Begin](#)
- [Ambulance Service Owner Charged With Fraud](#)
- [Need after-hours medical care Downtown? You no longer need to head to the ER](#)
- [Franciscan Physician Network to Acquire Michigan City Practice](#)
- [IU Health forms 16 clinical councils to boost care quality](#)

## **KENTUCKY**

- [Elizabeth breaks ground on new medical office building in Northern Kentucky](#)
- [Study ruling on hospital's sale](#)



- Doctor accused of working while drunk at Hazard ARH, suspended from practicing in Kentucky
- Eastern Kentucky medical equipment supplier to pay \$5.2M for admitting false claims
- Lawmaker Proposes Requiring Insurers To Pay Air Ambulance Services
- How did Ohio, Kentucky spend millions that U.S. sent to fight opioid addiction?
- Norton reveals \$38M cancer center
- Louisville makes poor showing among U.S. cities for health care
- UofL Hospital receives re-verification as a Level I Trauma Center
- Kentucky hospital partners with independent orthopedic group, closes its own orthopedic clinic

## MICHIGAN

- Here's how \$1.5B will change health care in Greater Lansing
- Healthmark Industries plans \$12 million expansion of Fraser headquarters
- McLaren Health Care targets younger patients with Walgreens clinics
- Groundbreaking held for new Michigan psychiatric hospital
- Spectrum Health VC fund invests in California medical device maker
- Detroit Medical Center selects market CFO
- Health system exec named to national class of 'Up & Comers'

## OHIO

- Bayada Home Health Care opens Cuyahoga Falls office
- Summa is committed to Akron, chief executive tells roundtable
- Bucking trend, Ohio moved fast to use federal opioid money
- Kettering Health moving some adolescent behavioral services to Dayton Children's
- ProMedica eyes Akron hospital system Summa for partnership
- Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital opens renovated medical-surgical unit
- Regina Health Center receives \$1 million in gifts for facility upgrades
- Paul C. Hiltz named president and CEO of Mercy Medical Center in Canton
- Who's afraid of Amazon and Google? Not Cleveland Clinic.
- How did Ohio, Kentucky spend millions that U.S. sent to fight opioid addiction?
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center CEO retires
- ProMedica CEO visits China to draw genetics firm to Toledo
- Mercy Health-Youngstown appoints COO
- Mercy Health names Cincinnati Market president

## WISCONSIN

- Psychiatrist shortage in Wisconsin
- New Ascension signs installed at All Saints, rebrand completed
- Wisconsin's biohealth industry is healthy and growing, a report shows
- Chapelton Hospital To Get US\$1 Million Upgrade
- Online patient scheduling tech lowers no-show rate at Prevea Health to 4%
- Ascension Wisconsin system first statewide group to adopt full brand identity
- Contracted physicians at Ascension All Saints accused of overbilling Medicare, Medicaid
- MCW, Milwaukee County could partner on new forensic science center

## **SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

### **ALABAMA**

- UA wins \$1 million grant to fight opioid abuse in Alabama
- Alabama hospital receives 2 bomb threats in 2 days
- OIG tags Alabama hospital for erroneous billing

### **FLORIDA**

- Florida Panhandle medical care on life support after Michael
- South Bay Hospital promotes interim leader to CEO spot
- New CFO Matthew Arsenault enlarges role as Baptist Health expands operations
- Meet the social impact investor who's funding medical facilities for seniors in Tampa Bay
- Patients to benefit once Cleveland Clinic, Steward Health compete in Indian River, Brevard
- Sarasota Memorial part of effort to sue opioid makers
- Ascension, Adventist Health System JV slashes outpatient sites by 50%
- 3 health care companies to lay off dozens, Miami hospital to close
- Florida hospital breaks ground on \$256-million expansion
- Florida Hospital puts shuttered Oceanside in Ormond up for sale
- Eye Centers of Florida to pay \$525,000 to settle Medicare fraud case
- HCA to close Florida hospital
- Hospital district investments jump by \$5.4 million in 3rd quarter
- Largo hospital moves to establish a heart transplantation program
- Newly created 11-member board to oversee U of Miami Health System

### **GEORGIA**

- Upgrades abound at Navicent Health Baldwin



- Government files False Claims Act complaint against Georgia ophthalmologist
- Grady Health seeks \$21M more from 2 Georgia counties after hike in expansion estimate
- How an Atlanta health system used AI, patient focus to save \$4M
- Medical Association of Georgia swears in new president

## MISSISSIPPI

- Coahoma hospital warns of closure; nearly 500 jobs and a community's lifeline at stake
- Baptist North Mississippi celebrates the addition of 16 new physicians

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Wilmington's Medac Urgent Care Acquired By Tennessee Firm
- Local officials say residents still have questions on Mission deal, need to hear from HCA
- 663 North Carolina physicians no longer prescribe opioids, survey finds
- Mission-HCA deal requires 'intense position,' scrutiny, expert says
- By the Numbers: ER wait times at Triangle-area hospitals
- Atrium Health, Novant compete to expand services in Mecklenburg County
- News 13 Investigates: What will it mean for mountain residents if Mission is sold to HCA
- North Carolina finally gets Medicaid waiver for managed care
- WakeMed CMIO Dr. Neal Chawla's team goals for 2019: Training, analytics & patient functionality

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- MUSC breaks record in funding for biomedical research
- MUSC Telehealth Leaders Share Their Roadmap to Success
- Agency predicts nurse shortage across South Carolina
- Even after sale to Spartanburg Regional, Mary Black legacy will live on

## TENNESSEE

- Arlington elderly care facility ordered to stop accepting new patients
- HCA names CEO for Columbia behavioral health facility
- Envision goes shopping following \$9.9 billion sale
- BCBS of TN Defrauded \$174M in \$2B Telemedicine Insurance Scheme
- Wilmington's Medac Urgent Care Acquired By Tennessee Firm
- Urgent care operator buys in NC
- Health tech venture buys St. Louis peer
- Maury Regional Health CEO honored for leadership, service and achievements
- TriStar names CEO for new behavioral health facility

- [CHI Memorial names market CFO: 5 things to know](#)
- [HCA to close Florida hospital](#)
- [Moody's: How CHS, Tenet and LifePoint are offsetting industry challenges](#)
- [VA to pay \\$2.5 million in wrongful death settlement at Nashville VA hospital](#)
- [Tennessee doctor borrowed \\$300K from a patient, then diagnosed her with dementia](#)
- [HealthStream CFO to step down](#)
- [Vanderbilt creates app to teach docs opioid best practices](#)
- [Erlanger Planning To Add Additional Primary Care Practices](#)
- [2 Tennessee hospitals to close by year's end](#)
- [Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare chief administrative officer to depart: 4 notes](#)

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARKANSAS**

- [Jacksonville Health Unit Now Twice as Big](#)
- [Little Rock Medical Sales Rep, 3 Others Plead Guilty to Multimillion-Dollar Tricare Scheme](#)

### **ARIZONA**

- [Nurses at Tucson's St. Joseph's and St. Mary's hospitals unionize](#)
- [WellCare, Care1st Health Plan Arizona will open regional hub in Phoenix](#)
- [How real-time laboratory data is closing healthcare gaps in Arizona](#)
- [Northern Arizona Healthcare announces new president and CEO](#)
- [Arizona hospital rebrands after bankruptcy](#)

### **LOUISIANA**

- [Company to acquire Vantage Health parent in north Louisiana](#)
- [City of New Orleans sues opioid manufacturers and distributors](#)
- [Louisiana hospital opens 1st facility in the region to offer robotic surgery](#)
- [Louisiana hospital files for bankruptcy, blames ex-administrator for financial crisis](#)
- [East Jefferson General Hospital's bond rating is downgraded again, fifth time in five years](#)
- [Avala, new 'state-of-the-art' surgical hospital, opens in Covington](#)
- [New ASC, short-stay hospital coming to Louisiana](#)
- [CEO of Ochsner Health discusses plans for moving forward](#)

### **NEW MEXICO**

- [Public Paychecks: See how much NM's top hospitals pay](#)

- Local health care co. adding on to ABQ hospital

## OKLAHOMA

- Health Department appoints first chief medical officer
- OSU and Cherokee Nation partner to open medical school in Tahlequah

## TEXAS

- Tax payer dollars helping fund Huntsville Memorial Hospital
- Qatar donates \$2.5M to reopen Texas hospital that closed in 2015
- Nurse alleges slippery floor at Baywood Crossing Rehabilitation Healthcare Center caused concussion
- Believe it: Here's how Fort Worth saved \$5 million on health care after years of rising costs
- Hospital agrees to enter lease agreement
- Moody's: How CHS, Tenet and LifePoint are offsetting industry challenges
- Connally Memorial Medical Center CEO to resign
- Baylor St. Luke's replaces heart transplant program chief
- Christus Health CMIO Dr. Sam Bagchi's biggest worry as CMIO + his plans to optimize clinical decision support
- Peterson Health CEO to retire in 2019

## NORTHWEST

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

## ALASKA

- Alaska hospitals say they're prepared for the next big one
- How a vascular ASC in Alaska approaches value-based care, consolidation & more
- ISER report says Alaska health care spending is highest in nation

## IDAHO

- Idaho spends most of its emergency opioid grant on treatment
- Idaho eyes changes to occupational licensing requirements
- Plans announced for new Idaho Falls hospital
- Head of new Idaho medical school touts ISU partnership
- Idaho Falls to get 88-bed community hospital after public outcry

## MONTANA

- Montana receives \$800,000 grant for respite services
- Bozeman Health prepares for ICU, care expansion

## OREGON

- City joins fight over Redmond Birthing Center

- [Unity Center slapped with whistleblower's complaint](#)
- [Avamere makes \\$170M investment in two new communities](#)
- [Opinion: Keeping Oregon in the lead of a health care revolution](#)

## WASHINGTON

- [College of Physicians supports I-1631](#)
- [Providence St. Joseph Health will close distribution center; about 80 jobs affected](#)
- [How Seattle Children's Hospital CMIO Dr. Rod Tarrago aims to improve clinician satisfaction and reduce burnout](#)
- [Louisiana hospital files for bankruptcy, blames ex-administrator for financial crisis](#)

## WYOMING

- [Wyoming Medical Center regains sole community provider status, will reap millions](#)
- [Cheyenne Regional Medical Center receives top quality ratings](#)
- [Hospital hopefuls talk rural healthcare](#)

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- [California hospital CEO, CFO put on leave amid investigation](#)
- [Proposition 4 Could Boost Funding For California Children's Hospitals](#)
- [Dignity Health 'Church Plan' Litigation Defeats Dismissal Motions](#)
- [About 15,000 strike at University of California hospitals](#)
- [Some healthcare workers at California hospital don't want to remain unionized](#)

## COLORADO

- [Colorado hospitals get grants to treat opioid addiction in emergency rooms](#)
- [Community Hospital board considering plan to join Centura Health](#)
- [Will Cook, CEO of University of Colorado Hospital, to be next CEO of Vail Health](#)
- [Fitzsimons Innovation Community turns CU Anschutz Medical Campus into thriving biotech hub](#)
- [UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital president to retire](#)
- [Longmont United Hospital gets new breast cancer accreditation](#)
- [Pathways' raises \\$100K for pediatric hospice services](#)
- [Biodesix to raise \\$27 million in equity offering](#)
- [UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital president to retire in 2019](#)

## HAWAII

- [Kahuku Medical Center looks to expand services](#)

- NHCH expands threefold: Projects scheduled for completion in 2019, 2020

## NEVADA

- LTC board endorses full-time finance director
- SNHD's chief health officer clears up status and funding for new clinic

## UTAH

- Utah State Hospital cuts treatment wait times to 23 days
- George Surgical Center administrator speaks to Congress about reducing health care costs
- 2nd patient files lawsuit against Utah hospital, claims nurse exposed him to hepatitis
- Avamere makes \$170M investment in two new communities
- 80,000 patients hang in the balance as Utah voters consider Medicaid expansion