

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - NOVEMBER 2, 2018

### NATIONAL

- HHS secretary warns Big Pharma: Lower prices, or 'you'll get whatever comes at you'
- Amazon's health-care ambitions shouldn't be underestimated, says industry veteran
- HHS Unveils New Plan for Prescription Prices for Medicare Part B Drugs
- 15 leaders on why hospitals should hire a chief wellness officer
- Lawmakers ask CMS to reconsider ACO MSSP overhaul
- CMS urged to 'hit pause button' on Medicaid work requirements
- Another Major Storm, Another HHS HIPAA Privacy Rule Waiver
- 24 cities with higher-than-average healthcare prices
- Hospital-owned drug company doesn't want special treatment in Washington, exec says
- Feds give rules on HIPAA when sharing opioid patient data
- OIG: Healthcare Fraud Exceptions for 2 Value-Based Payment Models
- Work beginning on blockchain, needs good healthcare use case
- FDA, DHS partner on medical device cyber-security
- HSCC Wants Healthcare Cybersecurity Waiver to Anti-kickback Rules
- Drug pricing, HIPAA changes among most pressing issues facing HHS
- Hospitals to OIG: Please give us anti-kickback safe harbors for value-based care
- AMA mapping tool identifies where workforce needs are greatest
- AMA launches \$15M initiative to improve residency training
- 25 hospitals, health systems with newly created executive roles in 2018 so far
- Sr. Carol Keehan, DC, to retire as president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States
- House pushes CMS to reconsider Shared Savings rule
- Abbott, AbbVie pay \$25M to resolve long-standing kickback case
- CMS says it will recoup \$1B in improper Medicare payments by 2020
- Pharma deals in an era of heightened competition: 6 recent drugmaker transactions, partnerships
- Regional hospitals want in on lucrative drug trials
- 59 hospital, health system outlook and credit rating actions in October
- HHS to implement long-delayed 340B ceiling price rule

## **NORTHEAST**

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

### **CONNECTICUT**

- Rockville General closing Big Sky rehab site in Vernon
- Torrington hospital aims to open new health center in Winsted
- Connecticut spine institute launches total joint program
- Indeed: Nurses, specialist doctors in short supply

### **MAINE**

- LincolnHealth completes unification process with MaineHealth
- Maine is graduating more nurses, but not enough to fill projected shortage
- Judge halts Maine hospital merger
- Mayo Regional Hospital's proposed merger with Northern Light Health hits speed bump
- Officials to consider turning Mercy Hospital into shelter
- Study: Maine ranks 4th in the country for ER visits
- Central Maine Healthcare expands partnership with Central Maine Orthopaedics
- Mayo Regional Hospital launches TeleEmergency technology

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

- As Mercy Medical Center plans layoffs, parent company reports rising income
- Andrew Harding named new CEO of MetroWest Medical Center
- President of Mercy Medical Center in Springfield notifies staff of plan to eliminate jobs, some departments
- BCBS Massachusetts to give preference to freestanding imaging centers, leaving ACR concerned
- Why Boston patients have longer appointment wait times

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

- Dartmouth-Hitchcock awarded \$3 million to develop medical technology
- Survey finds NH employees pay fifth-lowest health premium percentage

### **NEW YORK**

- MVHS releases exterior renderings of downtown hospital project
- Oncora Medical teams up with oncologists at N.Y.'s largest health system
- NYC Health + Hospitals to build 3 one-stop shop ambulatory care centers
- NYC Health + Hospitals seeks to grow outpatient business with new EHR, \$82M outpatient facilities
- Why health care is driving New York's job market growth, what to know about salaries
- NYC Health + Hospitals debuts Epic EMR at 11 more facilities

- Northwell Health nurses, nurse practitioners ratify new labor deal

## RHODE ISLAND

- Lifespan, Partners HealthCare fail to reach partnership pact
- Judge approves settlement in hospital pension case

## VERMONT

- Vermont hospital workers vote against unionization
- Brattleboro Retreat and nurses finalize one-year contract

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- Delaware nurses, health care experts, discuss national, state, nurse shortage
- Can once at-risk medical school pipeline help boost primary care in Delaware?
- Nemours Improves Care Management, Coordination With New mHealth Apps
- Delaware, South Carolina research consortium awarded \$25 million grant

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Sr. Carol Keehan, DC, to retire as president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States
- The future of health in Greater Washington

## MARYLAND

- U of Maryland Medical Center gets historic \$25M donation
- Baltimore has the lowest healthcare prices in the US, report finds
- Maryland Provider Reaches \$2M Settlement Over False Discharge Claims
- Emergency Departments on the Front Lines
- Bon Secours edges out Sentara Health to expand in Virginia city
- University of Maryland's planned cancer center expansion comes as patient numbers grow
- Hershey seeks hospital services audit
- Federal labor board finds Johns Hopkins Hospital tried to deter nurses from forming union
- UMMC's cancer center expansion comes as patient numbers grow

## NEW JERSEY

- Hackensack University Medical Center to break ground on \$714M expansion next year
- New Jersey Hospital Association Announces Jonathan Chebra As Senior Director Of Federal Affairs
- Paterson hospital's effort to cut opioid prescriptions part of national anti-addiction law

- NJ community hospital settles with BCBS after alleging it was pushed out of market
- N.J. Deploys Health Care Specialists
- Newark hospital hit by outbreak of infections to infants gets new leader
- New Jersey hospital appoints infection specialist after 4 NICU patients contract bacterial infections

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Oncora Medical teams up with oncologists at N.Y.'s largest health system
- Health by zip code? Some Philly neighborhoods are 'primary care deserts'
- Three health systems to end home healthcare nonprofit; will continue to provide services separately
- Transparency in an opaque healthcare industry: Pennsylvania views costs and quality clearly
- Changing landscape pushes healthcare giants into fierce competition in central Pennsylvania
- Universal Health Services officials 'optimistic' for resolution in DOJ investigation soon
- Bucking health care trends, St. Clair reports robust annual growth amid expansion plans
- Regional hospitals provide rural patients access to life-saving services
- Vascular Access Centers pay \$3.8M to resolve False Claims Act, anti-kickback allegations
- Why Pennsylvania's life sciences community is a wise investment (and why we need more of it)
- Penn Medicine breaks ground on \$200M outpatient center
- Prescription for success: St. Clair Hospital prospers in tough climate
- New Penn Medicine initiative streamlines access to electronic health records
- Penn Medicine buys 2.75-acre property on 4040 Market St. for \$16 million
- Allegheny Health Network 3rd quarter financials exceed expectations
- Uniontown Hospital receives \$27 million federal loan
- Central Pa. hospital moves to armed guards, tougher stance against violence
- IRMC, nurses still far apart as contract expires
- Penn State Hershey to begin arming security guards
- Allegheny Valley Hospital CEO to retire

## VIRGINIA

- Hospital avoids \$5 million penalty in defamation suit
- Tazewell Community Health opens new \$3.2 million facility
- Four hospitals in Ballad Health system get new names
- Urology of Virginia Welcomes New CEO
- The Search For a New Centra CEO

- Report measures Virginia's health-care payments
- Virginia moving toward value-based health care payment system, report shows
- Bon Secours edges out Sentara Health to expand in Virginia city
- Rural Virginia county hopes, after years, to reopen hospital
- Sovah Health rolls out new hospital alert system
- Carolyn Carpenter to serve as Sentara Norfolk General Hospital president

## WEST VIRGINIA

- UHC Honored by West Virginia Hospital Association
- City Gets \$1M for First Responder Mental Health Services
- Doctor to Pay Restitution as Part of Deal to Drop Charges

## CENTRAL

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

## IOWA

- VGH files lawsuit against Medicaid providers
- Kindred Healthcare and Mercy Iowa City Announce Plans for Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital
- Mercy Iowa City expanding to a new inpatient rehab hospital
- Des Moines hospital tells 182 more patients their painkillers might have been stolen
- Iowa hospital sues Medicaid insurers over ED reimbursement
- Proposed Coralville hospital takes step forward
- Vinton hospital sues Medicaid insurers for underpayment
- Iowa hospitals say Medicaid change will cost them millions
- Iowa Dept. of Public Health: Opioid deaths down 35 percent

## KANSAS

- Hutch Clinic, former doctor listed in billion-dollar lawsuit
- Feds claim Kansas physician involved in \$30M billing fraud scheme
- Via Christi invests in Rock Regional Hospital
- Why some Kansas physicians opposed UNOS' proposed liver sharing circles
- Care facility lawsuit set for 2019 trial

## MINNESOTA

- Medicare shift tightens doctor, clinic networks in Minnesota
- FDA: Hennepin Healthcare flouted patient safety rules in sedation studies

- Blue Cross Blue Shield agrees to cover Owatonna Hospital
- Minneapolis hospital enrolled ER patients in ketamine studies without consent, FDA finds
- Children's Minnesota behind on billing

## MISSOURI

- Missouri health officials say contractor improperly stored information for 10,400 people
- Following tragedy, St. Louis hospitals renew commitment to postpartum mental health
- BJC hires Mark Shen as president of St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Missouri hospital closes
- Surgery volumes soar, TCMH reports five straight months of positive financials
- SSM Health church plan challenge heads toward settlement
- Missouri behavioral health center faces \$10M suit over patient-on-patient violence
- Family says baby almost died at hospital because no nurses were around
- University of Missouri Hospital completes ER renovations
- Hospital plan for profitability
- Lake Regional Health System, MU Health Care partner for shared Cerner EHR services

## NEBRASKA

- Great Plains CEO recognized for leadership
- New clinic breaks ground in Emerson, Nebraska
- Nebraska 'firing on all cylinders' against opioid addiction, but concern remains focus of federal roundtable

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Proposed health provider merger to go before appeals panel
- Robot-assisted surgery becomes common in region

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- How a small residency program helped create a medical hub over 60 years in South Dakota
- The goal: Keep South Dakotan doctors in South Dakota. Here's how USD did it.

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Advocate, NorthShore Partner With UChicago In Pediatric Care
- Chicago Among US Leaders In Getting Health Care Right
- Advocate Health Care launches trauma recovery center
- Cook County opens new outpatient facility



- Legacy Buys \$5M Building in Illinois; Former Skyline Facility to Sell Soon
- The Spine Center recognized by Advocate Health Care for exceptional patient care
- How would the Illinois attorney general candidates address the opioid crisis? We asked, they answered.
- South suburban hospital to get \$98 million update
- Many Chicago-area hospitals have cut children's care, but this one is doubling down
- HSHS St. John's Hospital unveils new women, children's clinic
- Chicago hospital enhances children's care despite local pediatric unit closures
- Rush Health explores video visits to meet new patient needs: 5 Qs with Abigail Boyer, director of clinical outcomes and population health

## INDIANA

- IU Health covets big prize, but neurosurgery practice clings to independence
- 2 Indiana heart surgeons perform 25K surgeries, receive award
- Franciscan Alliance partners with Northwestern for brain care
- Franciscan to acquire Franklin Clinic
- Medical school carving out unique future, celebrating unique past in South Bend
- Anthem's Q3 profit jumps 29% to \$960M

## KENTUCKY

- UK Again Named Top Oncology Program by Becker's Hospital Review
- Kentucky hospital dismisses orthopedic surgeon for allegedly operating under the influence
- UofL Hospital opens newly renovated and expanded Burn Center
- Paducah Hospital Critical Care Unit experiences a baby boom
- Kindred Healthcare and Mercy Iowa City Announce Plans for Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital
- Med Center Health files lawsuit against Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Health prices in Louisville among lowest in nation
- Kentucky cardiologist Anis Chalhoub sentenced to prison for health care fraud
- Kindred's RehabTracker App is Helping to Improve Outcomes for Patients
- Cardiologist sentenced to prison for implanting unnecessary pacemakers, healthcare fraud
- Norton Healthcare unveils \$38M cancer center

## MICHIGAN

- Three-Year Contract Approved for Michigan Medicine Nurses
- As Mercy Medical Center plans layoffs, parent company reports rising income
- Southwest Solutions names former hospital president as interim CEO
- Wyandotte Hospital CEO appointed to more expansive role with Henry Ford Health System

- West Michigan's first psychiatric urgent care center to open in 2019
- Molina Healthcare vacating downtown Detroit office

## OHIO

- Mercy Health St. Vincent nurses, support staff consider strike
- Two Cleveland Clinic doctors accused in lawsuits of contributing to three opioid overdose deaths
- 2,400 nurses, support staff at St. Vincent's Hospital considering strike
- Cincinnati CEO to lead national health care group
- Summa names Dr. Cliff Deveny its new CEO
- Nashville company proposes \$21M hospital in Cincinnati
- Cleveland Clinic announces top 10 medical innovations for 2019
- Mercy Health-Youngstown appoints COO
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center CEO retires
- Ohio's New Data Protection Act: What it means for Ohio Healthcare Organizations
- St. Vincent Medical Center marks 50 years treating patients in burn unit
- Christ Hospital to eliminate 12 patient billing jobs
- Dayton Children's fixing issues with accreditation
- New \$24M Dayton rehab hospital to break ground this week
- \$2.4M bequest: Children's to name part of new building for executive, wife
- Bill Considine's role as Akron Children's CEO emeritus, advocate for children's issues is 'sweet spot'
- University Hospitals taps former UnitedHealthcare CMO for clinical leadership role
- How Lima Memorial Health System responds to differences in patients' technology tolerance: 3 Qs with CIO Matthew Gaug
- Mercy Health-Allen Hospital names new president
- Akron Children's Hospital CEO steps down after nearly 40 years

## WISCONSIN

- Health systems plan surge of new facilities in Mount Pleasant
- Construction to begin on Marshfield Clinic hospital
- Opioid prescriptions in Wisconsin dropped 32% since 2015, report says
- UW Health hires new leader for Madison hospitals
- UW Health to build \$255M specialty clinic

## SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

## ALABAMA



- DCH Health System names chief nursing officer
- Huntsville Hospital receives two top rankings
- Brookwood Baptist Medical Center CEO to depart

## FLORIDA

- Partners Break Ground for New UCF-HCA Hospital
- Ocala paid hospital employee \$100K to settle suit
- Looming Aetna, Mount Sinai Medical Center split could affect 100K
- Ophthalmology practice agrees to \$525,000 penalty
- Waterman to build Mount Dora medical facility
- Florida hospital to prohibit unaffiliated physicians from treating patients
- The new face of medical equipment fraud in Florida
- \$2.9 million Heart of Florida deal skips a beat
- Florida Hospital names Dr. Rajan Wadhawan senior executive officer of 2 facilities
- Gino Santorio Named Acting CEO of Broward Health
- Florida Hospital breaks ground on ER in Oviedo
- HCA hospitals win \$150M in arbitration against Aetna
- How Adventist Health System more than doubled patient payments in a year

## GEORGIA

- AU Health closes on \$85 million in tax-exempt bonds
- Nurse shortage in Georgia
- Georgia hospital opens new \$5M IR suite
- Georgia Governor candidates on healthcare plans and Medicaid Expansion
- Piedmont Rockdale earns Milestone 8 Hospital designation
- Phoebe Putney hospital creates patient safety index to measure care quality

## MISSISSIPPI

- Rural hospitals at risk, pose real challenges for Mississippi leaders
- Mississippi hospital ends ER fee for nonemergencies
- Mississippi ranks third in ER visits
- Mississippi hospitals end Medicare Advantage agreements over declining reimbursement
- CEO of U of Mississippi Medical Center adult hospitals ousted after 2 years

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Proposal might save NC \$300M in health care costs. Hospitals say it's a bad idea
- NC Makes Similar Changes To State Health Plan As Montana. How Did It Work There?
- UNC building health center in Asheville to combat Western N.C. health care shortage
- North Carolina finally gets Medicaid waiver for managed care
- Haywood Regional is making communities healthier
- Carolinas HealthCare Starts \$15M Renovation of CCRC in North Carolina
- 2 NC Cities Among Nation's Leaders In Getting Health Care Right
- Medicare approves elements of N.C. waiver request; won't consider expansion until legislature approves bill
- Granville Health System Names New CNO
- Atrium Health to build medical office space at \$250M midtown project
- Harris Regional addresses insurance, physician pay issue
- Sources: UNC Health CEO likely to be named interim UNC system president
- Raleigh Orthopaedic Surgery Center medical director delivers commencement speech
- UNC Health Care chief to serve as interim president of the university system
- How a Novant Health hospital reduced infections by 70%
- Atrium Health to get 2 new medical office buildings

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina predicted to face nursing shortage by 2030
- Delaware, South Carolina research consortium awarded \$25 million grant
- MUSC opening \$16 million site in Citadel Mall, latest in hospital's move off the peninsula

## TENNESSEE

- Tennova indicates hospital will remain open until end of the year
- Hospital behemoth HCA sees shares jump after strong earnings and forward guidance
- Four hospitals in Ballad Health system get new names
- 4 Erlanger Leaders Honored At State Hospital Association Meeting
- Community Health Systems: 3Q Earnings Snapshot
- Nashville company proposes \$21M hospital in Cincinnati
- Bone and Joint Institute of Tennessee physicians, county hospital partner to build ASC
- Tennova to close Physicians Regional, Lakeway Regional hospitals by end of year
- CHS' Wayne Smith: Closure of two Tennessee hospitals is the right move

- CHS' shrinking hospital portfolio: 9 latest divestitures
- HCA tops expectations on solid volume growth
- West TN Healthcare approves buying property in downtown Jackson
- HCA hospitals win \$150M in arbitration against Aetna
- How U of Tennessee Medical Center cut opioid use in half
- CHS divests 2 Arkansas hospitals

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARKANSAS**

- Arkansas Children's raising minimum wage for workers to \$14 per hour
- Arkansas judge denies request for midwife-rules stay
- Arkansas Health Officials Confirm Outbreak At Cancer Center
- CHS divests 2 Arkansas hospitals

### **ARIZONA**

- Banner facility designated as only Comprehensive Stroke Center in Arizona
- Northern Arizona Healthcare names Spyrow as new president and CEO
- Summit Healthcare introduces new concept in joint replacement
- Maricopa Integrated Health System has a new name
- Arizona hospital rebrands after bankruptcy
- Banner Health's 16-story hospital tower near downtown Phoenix set to open Nov. 6

### **LOUISIANA**

- Leesville hospital files for bankruptcy
- Ochsner Health, Walmart to launch accountable care plan in Louisiana
- Ochsner employee accused of stealing patient information

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Bankrupt company selling two Santa Fe nursing homes
- Presbyterian to launch health resource center
- New Mexico Hospital deploys Carestream's Clinical Collaboration Platform as a managed service

### **OKLAHOMA**

- OSU, tribe to announce medical college
- Oklahoma's rural hospitals in critical condition

- [Oklahoma's Rural Hospitals See A Lifeline In Medicaid Expansion](#)
- [Point of View: Placing a med school in rural Oklahoma](#)
- [Oklahoma to get some of its money back if seizure drug doesn't perform](#)

## TEXAS

- [Hospital district agrees to lease agreement](#)
- [More Texas Doctors Switch To Concierge Medicine Model](#)
- [Baylor Scott and White Quality Alliance Chief Medical Officer is a 2018 Up and Comer](#)
- [Peterson Health CEO to retire in 2019](#)
- [Texas hospital that abruptly closed in May, laid off 900 finds new operator](#)
- [Texas approves plan for medical school at University of Houston](#)
- [How does North Texas fair in Healthgrades' Hospital Excellence Awards?](#)
- [Doctors perform breast cancer surgery live at Dallas hospital](#)
- [Nurse who was paid to find patients for Novus hospice companies reaches plea deal in \\$60 million fraud case](#)
- [UT Health East Texas offers new robotic surgery technology](#)
- [New Texas real estate firm will target healthcare properties](#)
- [Texas Children's Hospital opens specialty care clinic in North Austin](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White to receive city historic marker](#)
- [CMS cites Baylor St. Luke's for defibrillator issues during patient's heart transplant](#)
- [Driscoll Health System appoints new COO](#)

## NORTHWEST

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

### ALASKA

- [Alaska hospital may lose its Medicare funding over deficient pharmacy practices](#)
- [Kanakanak Hospital pharmacy puts patients in 'immediate jeopardy,' survey finds](#)

### IDAHO

- [New CEO talks about new medical record system](#)
- [Nursing Shortage Will Affect Aging Population In Mountain West](#)
- [Permit issued & initial work begins on new St. Luke's 27th St. hospital](#)
- [Idaho Falls Community Hospital set to open its doors in late 2019](#)
- [Plans announced for a new hospital in Idaho Falls](#)
- [On the ballot: College of Western Idaho seeks levy for \\$39M health science building in Nampa](#)
- [Idaho governor backs Medicaid expansion ballot measure](#)

## MONTANA

- [Suit filed against St. Vincent Healthcare's parent company over prepaid debit cards](#)
- [Montana Tribe Sues Pharmaceutical Companies Over Opioids](#)
- [Mobile health clinic now serving Lockwood community](#)

## OREGON

- [Opioid Prescription Guidelines Published: Oregon Health Authority](#)
- [Analysis finds Portland-area health care prices higher than average](#)
- [Report ranks Salem Hospital among top hospitals in Oregon](#)
- [Oregon Approves Policies to Continue Value-Based Care Push in Medicaid](#)

## WASHINGTON

- [Interim CEO takes the helm at Yakima's Astria Regional Medical Center](#)
- [Analysis finds Seattle and Spokane-area health care prices higher than average](#)
- [Astria Regional Medical Center taps interim CEO](#)
- [As Washington state health insurance premiums soar, candidates point fingers](#)

## WYOMING

- [Wyoming hospital CEO to resign](#)
- [A rising star for local health facility](#)
- [Wyoming Medical Center acquired neurosurgeon-owned facility for added beds, not services](#)
- [Mountain View acquisition was about expansion of beds, Wyoming Medical Center CEO says](#)
- [Wyoming health system hires outside company to eliminate \\$12M billing backlog](#)
- [Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Partners with Wyoming OSHA](#)
- [Hospital candidates tout their qualifications](#)
- ['I have the opportunity to make the revenue cycle better': 5 questions with Campbell County Health's Yvonne Robinett](#)

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- [Petaluma hospital lease expected next year](#)
- [University of California hospital workers end strike](#)
- [California hospital to reopen pediatric ICU 4 years after controversial close](#)
- [One Valley hospital gets a star for reducing infections; another needs state help](#)
- [Multi-county task force fights to save California hospital](#)
- [El Camino Hospital's interim CMIO Dr. Craig Joseph's insights on the future of the EHR + how physician builders can help](#)

- California's Medi-Cal program paid \$4B to recipients who may have been ineligible, audit shows
- California hospitals make most progress in reducing HAIs since 2009, report finds
- Spending on California ballot initiatives over hospital charges exceeds \$10M

## COLORADO

- Worker shortage in healthcare field makes for competitive hiring environment in Greeley and beyond
- Former employee indicted in scheme to defraud Englewood's Catholic Health Initiatives
- Nursing Shortage Will Affect Aging Population In Mountain West
- Letter: UCHHealth is driving up health costs in Steamboat
- EHR optimization leads to 53% increase in cash collections at Rangely Hospital
- Five-story medical building planned for St. Joseph Hospital in Uptown
- Denver doctor sues Porter after surgical site infection nearly takes her life

## HAWAII

- A North Shore hospital celebrates a milestone anniversary
- New administrator selected for Kula and Lanai hospitals
- West Hawaii nurse Dee Ono named statewide Healthcare Hero
- Hawaii HIE to Improve Patient Identification and Provider Data Accuracy with NextGate

## NEVADA

- Ruvo center in Las Vegas recognized for Parkinson's treatment
- SNHD's chief health officer clears up status and funding for new clinic
- MountainView Hospital's free-standing ER facility opens to the public in North Las Vegas

## UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare CEO Delivers Annual Report to the Community, Says Intermountain Is Well-Positioned for the Future
- Nursing Shortage Will Affect Aging Population In Mountain West
- Hospital-owned drug company doesn't want special treatment in Washington, exec says
- Analysis finds Utah metro areas' health care prices below average
- Intermountain CEO gives report to community
- Utah insurer will pay for members' travel to Mexico to fill pricey prescriptions