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- [DJO launches 1st outpatient arthroplasty risk assessment tool](#)
- [Hospitals slammed with \\$380M in CMS cuts, industry cries foul](#)
- [CMS finalizes site neutral payment rule](#)
- [AHA says payer consolidation, not hospital prices, raises healthcare costs](#)
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- [CMS Publishes CY 2019 Physician Fee Schedule/QPP Final Rule](#)
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- [Site-neutral payment rule sparks sharp rebuke from American Hospital Association and threat of legal action](#)
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- [IBM Watson Health names top 50 cardiovascular hospitals](#)
- [PwC: What the midterm shakeup means for healthcare](#)
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- [Hospitals illegally claimed \\$4 million in education funds, says OIG](#)
- [CMS to Reimburse Providers for Remote Patient Monitoring Services](#)
- [Amazon has another exclusive OTC drug brand](#)
- [CMS' final outpatient payment rule for 2019](#)
- [92% of healthcare providers concerned about CMS price transparency rule, survey finds](#)
- [42 hospitals make Leapfrog's 'straight-A' list for safety](#)
- [Where are the 17 Leapfrog 'F' hospitals?](#)
- [4M patient records breached in Q3: 7 things to know](#)
- [CMS proposes changes to managed Medicaid, CHIP: 7 things to know](#)
- [HHS to launch new mandatory bundled payment models](#)

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- 71 Connecticut Nursing Homes 'Best' In U.S News Ratings
- Cigna's 3Q profits jump 38% ahead of Express Scripts purchase
- UConn Health's upward trend

MAINE

- New pharmacy regulations lead to planned expansions for EMMC, Brewer cancer center
- In Maine, 7 Hospitals Merge to Create \$3 Billion Nonprofit
- Study: Maine ranks 4th in the country for ER visits
- Central Maine Healthcare & Central Maine Orthopaedics establish new partnership to expand orthopedic care
- Northern Light Health ACO partners with Boston tech firm
- Fired hospital employee wins in labor dispute
- Voters Say No to Universal Home Care Initiative

MASSACHUSETTS

- These are the best nursing homes in Massachusetts, according U.S. News
- Massachusetts nurse-staffing question rejected
- Holy Family Hospital selects new CFO
- Northern Light Health ACO partners with Boston tech firm
- Former Cambridge biotech employee imprisoned for insider trading
- Merrimack to shelve lead cancer drug, lay off most of workforce
- BCBS of Massachusetts improperly denied mental health claims, class-action suit says
- Massachusetts hospital publicly apologizes for 2016 patient death
- Massachusetts union regroups after defeat of nurse staffing initiative
- Massachusetts hospital to close emergency department

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Northern Counties Health Care Names Interim CEO
- Hospital cited for labor violations involving hours, teens
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock awarded \$3 million to develop medical technology

NEW YORK

- Northwell Health to supply interim CEO, leadership team to New York hospital
- Upstate hospitals join pilot program to reduce ER opioid use
- Federal cuts to cost LI hospitals \$170M, Schumer says
- Timeline of NYC Health + Hospitals' \$1 billion Epic EHR rollout
- Hospital to invest \$60,000 in security upgrades

- New York hospital to invest \$60K in security after media investigation
- Horizon Health opens addictions expansion, readies for new training center
- Urgent care provider expanding in Albany market
- New rehab nursing center emerges in Glen Cove
- Pharmacy delivery startup aims to open in Hauppauge
- Mount Sinai selects chief marketing and communications officer

RHODE ISLAND

- 2 Rhode Island orthopedic practices join together
- Lifespan fails to reach merger deal with Partners HealthCare, Care New England
- Report: R.I. ranks No. 7 in Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade with 3 A ratings
- I. to launch first 24/7 mental health, substance-use triage, call center Nov. 14
- Provant Health to lay off 92 workers, close following acquisition
- Rhode Island hospital closure prompts spike in ER diversions

VERMONT

- Hansen: Unreliable data plagues Vermont's all-payer ACO model
- Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital to acquire Northern Physical Therapy
- Vermont hospital workers vote against unionization
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock shares \$9 million Biden Moonshot Initiative grant

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Delaware Hospice chaplain provides clarity, comfort
- Christiana Care opens new Behavioral Health Unit at Wilmington Hospital
- Beebe moves expanded rehab center to Rehoboth Beach
- Wilmington Hospital adds new Behavioral Health Unit

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Providence hospital still intends to close in December. But it's not set in stone.
- Have a look at Greater Washington's hospital expansions and renovations

MARYLAND

- Federal labor board finds Johns Hopkins Hospital tried to deter nurses from forming union
- Hershey seeks hospital services audit
- Why one Johns Hopkins RN says some nurses don't need a union

- This Rockville biotech is expanding to a new HQ. Here are the details.
- Upper Chesapeake Health System plans hospital campus in Aberdeen
- These are Maryland's safest hospitals

NEW JERSEY

- Hackensack Meridian Health appoints president of care transformation services, physician practices: 3 notes
- 400 layoff notices a sign hospital sale is moving forward
- Breach Settlement Has Unusual Penalty
- Palisades nurses ratify contract with Hackensack Meridian Health
- Hackensack Meridian Health names regional president of Central Market
- CHS agrees to sell New Jersey hospital facing closure
- Rutgers Cancer Institute gets \$50K grant
- NJ tops in US in fall Leapfrog hospital safety grades
- Cyclacel, MD Anderson enter into clinical studies partnership
- Hackensack Meridian Health hospital nurses ratify labor deal
- New Jersey bill aims to clarify out-of-network billing rules: 5 things to know
- New Jersey law allows hospital fee to fund services for Medicaid patients

PENNSYLVANIA

- UPMC hospital to face class-action suit over improperly cleaned equipment
- Penn Medicine Named to 'Most Wired' List for 6th Year in a Row
- Wilmington Hospital completes \$7.5M behavioral health unit renovation
- Physician shortage
- With merger, another central Pa. hospital system gets bigger
- Q&A: Geisinger's CEO talks leadership, Amazon and his ideal healthcare system
- Proposal would increase seniors' access to telemedicine
- New AHN hospital in Hempfield to include cancer center
- 2 Pennsylvania hospitals plan multimillion dollar expansions before UPMC-Highmark split
- Pennsylvania hospital closes maternity unit
- Geisinger CEO Dr. David Feinberg heads to Google
- Pennsylvania medical center will be profitable in November, Americore Health CEO says

VIRGINIA

- Shuttered Virginia hospital plans to reopen Dec. 27
- Rural Virginia county hopes, after years, to reopen hospital

- Focused Ultrasound Foundation helps startups find investment and expertise

WEST VIRGINIA

- Mon Health's new CEO marks first month on the job, looks to the future
- County commission responds to Board of Health president resignation
- Catherine Slemph named interim West Virginia health officer

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- UnityPoint Health - Marshalltown to close ICU, cafe after \$7 million loss year
- New helipad passes test at hospital in Osage
- Marshalltown hospital closing intensive care unit
- Aiming to save more than 100 jobs, former employee buys Larchwood vaccine company
- Report: Opioid overdose deaths declined in Iowa

KANSAS

- Via Christi buys into Derby Hospital
- Saint Luke's Health System joins KHIN Health Information Exchange
- One year in, KU Health has stopped the (figurative) bleeding at Topeka hospital
- Francis Hospital balance sheet out of the red in first year under new owners
- Kansas nursing homes improve on overusing sedatives, but Missouri now among the worst
- Hillsboro Community Hospital CEO to retire

MINNESOTA

- Allina Health expands, upgrades around Uptown
- Children's Minnesota behind on billing
- Mayo Clinic uses telemedicine in ambulances to assess stroke patients
- MU Health CEO says talks with SSM Health 'moving in very positive direction'
- Medibio names medical-device veteran Kaysen CEO
- Med-tech company NeoChord raises \$25M for heart device
- Regions Hospital starts construction of new birth center

MISSOURI

- Former St. Elizabeth's CEO takes post in St. Louis
- Louis hospital names new CEO
- Saint Luke's Health System joins KHIN Health Information Exchange

- Lake Regional Health System, MU Health Care partner for shared Cerner EHR services
- MU Health Care CEO says talks with SSM Health 'moving in very positive direction'
- Kindred Hospital names former St. Elizabeth's executive as CEO
- Kansas nursing homes improve on overusing sedatives, but Missouri now among the worst
- Ascension's CEO reflects on company's biggest decision
- Developers pour \$500 million into nursing home construction: Gallery

NEBRASKA

- \$91.5K grant to UNMC College of Nursing program aimed at growing geriatric, dementia services in Panhandle
- Faith Regional CEO Ready For Next Chapter
- Nebraska voters approve ballot measure to expand Medicaid health care coverage to estimated 90K low-income residents
- Syracuse Area Health celebrates opening
- New hires' initiative aims at enhancing brain tumor care, research in Nebraska

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Grand Opening at Regional Hospital
- As opioid epidemic sweeps the nation, drug abuse rises in South Dakota
- New hospital cafeteria takes hospital food to a new level
- One clinic in the Black Hills takes a stance on the opioid epidemic

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Advocate Aurora Health stresses communication, development among employees
- State approves \$98 million expansion for Advocate South Suburban Hospital
- Former St. Elizabeth's CEO takes post in St. Louis
- Chicago plumbers union taps Cerner to operate health center
- A look inside 'old' Cook County Hospital's \$145M facelift
- Cook County Health and Hospitals System CEO Dr. John Jay Shannon on the importance of strong teams

INDIANA

- Hospital getting new medical records system
- AG Curtis Hill And Federal Authorities Announce \$5.1M Settlement With Dental Firms
- Franciscan Health Selects Director For Women & Children's Services
- Hoosier Hospitals Named 'Most Wired'
- Millions Awarded to IU Cancer Researchers

- [Lilly, Maryland Company Ink \\$40M Partnership](#)
- [Rehab Medical Acquires Oklahoma Company](#)
- [High Tech Telehealth Comes to Vermillion County](#)
- [Diagnostics Developer Plans Indy HQ Expansion, Jobs](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Frankfort Regional Medical Center announces new CEO](#)
- [The Bluegrass region's healthcare giants are still growing and getting bigger](#)
- [Cardiologist sentenced to prison for implanting unnecessary pacemakers, healthcare fraud](#)
- [UK HealthCare, Lexington Clinic partner to enhance cancer care](#)
- [How a UK HealthCare, Lexington Clinic alliance on cancer care might affect you](#)
- [Mercy Health-Reidland Medical Center groundbreaking held](#)
- [UK's Markey Center hits major milestone for personalized medicine consortium](#)
- [Passport saved millions through partnership with Louisville startup — here's how](#)
- [Humana CEO: 'Breaking down silos, empowering associates' key to 3Q success](#)
- [Humana earnings top analysts' estimates](#)
- [2 KentuckyOne Health execs to depart, including interim CEO](#)

MICHIGAN

- [Shrinking reimbursement forces Michigan hospital to close home health unit, CEO says](#)
- [Beaumont to build new \\$40 million mental health hospital in Dearborn](#)
- [Children's Hospital completes \\$155M new hospital facilities](#)
- [Three Rivers Health selects permanent CEO](#)
- [\\$40M mental health hospital planned for suburban Detroit](#)
- [University Physician Group files for bankruptcy reorganization](#)

OHIO

- [Longtime leader Bill Considine steps down, President Grace Wakulchik assumes helm](#)
- [Mercy Health-Allen Hospital names new president](#)
- [Grace Wakulchik takes helm at Akron Children's](#)
- [Summa Health to continue outpatient services at Wadsworth facility](#)
- [New \\$27M Dayton rehab hospital is the latest area project for Premier Health](#)
- [E's Youngstown ER busier after Northside closure](#)
- [Northeast Ohio hospitals are seeing benefits of CMS program](#)
- [OhioHealth plans to buy vacant building next to Dublin Methodist Hospital](#)

- [Cardinal Health seats first independent chairman](#)
- [Medical center lands biggest grant ever to treat patients](#)
- [Patient safety scores dip for some Greater Cincinnati hospitals](#)
- [Doctor group set to open \\$3.5M building](#)
- [Hospital mum on 96-acre purchase](#)

WISCONSIN

- [CMS OKs Wisconsin Medicaid work requirements: 3 things to know](#)
- [Advocate Aurora Health stresses communication, development among employees](#)
- [UW Health hires new leader for Madison hospitals](#)
- [UW Health to build \\$255M specialty clinic](#)
- [Nursing facility poised to get new operator](#)
- [Report: Metro Milwaukee health care prices are fourth highest in nation](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Alabama passed midwifery legislation a year ago. Why haven't midwives started practicing yet?](#)
- [Brookwood Baptist Medical Center CEO leaving at the end of 2018](#)
- [UAB, HudsonAlpha launching genetics opportunity for HBCU students](#)
- [UAB receives massive grant for Alzheimer's investigation](#)
- [Shelby Baptist Medical Center names Megan Drake COO](#)

FLORIDA

- [Major technology upgrade coming to Orange Park Medical Center](#)
- [The Villages Regional Hospital turns to consultants to help cut ER wait times](#)
- [Florida Hospital breaks ground on Oviedo freestanding ER](#)
- [Is your ASC in Florida? Watch out for hackers — Q3 report reveals states with most breaches](#)
- [HCA merges 2 Florida hospitals](#)
- [Patient safety group gives Lee Health top marks, downgrades NCH hospitals in Collier](#)
- [Lee Health's kidney transplant program to permanently shut down](#)
- [South Florida health network recruits Newcomer as CEO](#)
- [See how Orlando-area hospitals ranked for safety in fall 2018](#)
- [Discolored surgical tools delay operations at Florida hospital](#)
- [Florida hospital to reopen after hurricane damage](#)

GEORGIA

- [Piedmont Healthcare breaks ground on new orthopedics & sports medicine facility](#)
- [Georgia-Based Healthcare Network Embraces Nuance Tech for Clinical Dictation](#)
- [Grady Health System Named 2018 CHIME HealthCare's Most Wired Recipient](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [University of Mississippi Medical Center removes CEO](#)
- [CEO of UMMC adult hospitals is out after two years](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Hospital CEO to serve as interim UNC system president](#)
- [Hospital systems earn 'Most Wired' designation](#)
- [North Carolina hospitals, physicians challenge changes to payments for state workers' healthcare](#)
- [CareChex joins crowded field of health care system rankings](#)
- [North Carolina faces hospital fight trying new tack to set healthcare payments](#)
- [Atrium Health, other providers compete for operating rooms in Mecklenburg County](#)
- [New Duke center will mix big data and health care](#)
- [Atrium Health officially comes to Cleveland County](#)
- [ARMC recognized for quality in several areas](#)
- [North Carolina proposes setting hospital payments for state employees on Medicare rates](#)
- [UNC REX Named One of the Nation's Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals by IBM Watson Health](#)
- [Charlotte's Premier to acquire Stanson Health for over \\$51M](#)
- [Aetna, Triad Healthcare Network bring accountable care product to Triad](#)
- [Triad plastic surgery center giving space a face-lift](#)
- [Cone Health appoints chief academic officer](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [Palmetto Health opens new surgical trauma unit](#)
- [Citadel Mall redevelopment progressing](#)
- [BCBS of South Carolina to lay off 244 employees](#)

TENNESSEE

- [West Memphis hospital ready to open its doors](#)
- [HCA wins \\$150M in arbitration case](#)
- [Complaint alleges Tennessee hospital ignored NICU safety, staffing concerns](#)
- [Patel to take over health IT helm at Vanderbilt](#)

- Saint Thomas Medical Partners opens in Gallatin
- Quorum Health sees net loss double, plans to divest or close hospitals
- Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare sees net income drop 19%

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Annual Arkansas Poll Suggests Healthcare Is The State's Main Concern Over The Economy
- Baptist Health Acquires 2 More Hospitals
- Baptist Health Acquires Sparks Health Systems in Western Arkansas
- Siloam Springs Regional Hospital names CEO

ARIZONA

- Phoenix Children's Hospital Boosts Supply Chain Impact on Patient Care Through New Medline Prime Vendor Distribution Agreement
- Banner Health talks Urgent Care vs. ER
- Banner Health's 16-story hospital tower near downtown Phoenix set to open Nov. 6
- New report: Arizona healthcare costs lower than national average
- Tucson Medical Center is first Southern Arizona hospital to launch phone app for doctor visits
- Oscar Health to hire 400 in Arizona

LOUISIANA

- Tulane medical students will care for Children's Hospital patients starting in 2019
- Ochsner brings new healthcare experience to Louisiana with virtual visits
- New emergency room at Acadia General Hospital set to open this week
- Promise Hospital of Baton Rouge files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Promise Healthcare, Louisiana subsidiaries file for bankruptcy, plan to sell assets or reorganize by April
- Ochsner Health System debuts direct-to-consumer telehealth service for urgent care
- Hospital foundation head fired after embezzlement probe

NEW MEXICO

- Lovelace Health System acquires state's largest private cardiology practice
- Local health care co. adding on to ABQ hospital

OKLAHOMA

- Norman has numerous healthcare facilities
- Mercy to end hospital lease with El Reno; Plan to build new outpatient facility underway
- Rehab Medical Acquires Oklahoma Company

TEXAS

- [Dallas County Ranks 54th in Texas for Health Outcomes](#)
- [Another growth market? Dallas emerges as a hub for health care staffing and services](#)
- [How to get your hospital shut down: the bizarre, slow downfall of the most expensive hospital in Texas](#)
- [McCarthy Completes Build-Out of Texas Children's Specialty Care Austin](#)
- [Why Dallas' 66-bed Promise Hospital is staying open after parent company's bankruptcy](#)
- [Hospital Hires Slow, but Healthcare Services Are Growing](#)
- [Tenet's net loss shrinks amid \\$250M cost-cutting drive](#)
- [Texas County Memorial Hospital earns 1st OK for proposal to fund surgery center — 4 details](#)
- [Cigna seeks \\$954K from Texas hospital after questionable billing practices uncovered](#)
- [How Children's Health System of Texas Is Improving Care with Design Thinking](#)
- [North Texas is Home to Five of the 'Most Wired' Health Systems in the Country](#)
- [Texas receives \\$2.6 million in response to opioid epidemic](#)

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- [Bristol Bay tribes call for significant changes in Dillingham hospital leadership](#)
- [Anchorage plans development options for hospital site](#)
- [Southcentral Foundation helping lead study on precision medicine](#)

IDAHO

- [A Winning Idea: Medicaid Expansion Prevails In Idaho, Nebraska And Utah](#)
- [ISU physical therapy program offers high-tech distance learning options](#)
- [Boise sues drugmakers over opioid epidemic](#)

MONTANA

- [Retired neurosurgeon makes \\$5M donation to Montana hospital](#)
- [Health policy centerpiece in battle for Montana's U.S. Senate seat](#)

OREGON

- [Adventist Health Home Care Services to lay off 92 employees](#)
- [State recommends Unity Center maintain Medicaid reimbursement status after addressing safety problems](#)
- [OHSU's treating more patients. Here's why.](#)
- [PeaceHealth accused of overbilling Medicare patients](#)

WASHINGTON

- Virginia Mason Medical Center Honored As 'Most Wired' For Seventh Straight Year
- Spokane's two medical schools draw more new docs to Eastern Washington
- Seattle Children's gets \$20M gift from former Microsoft CEO
- Car crashes into Seattle hospital's lobby
- Olympic Medical Center CEO elected chair of WSHA Board
- Olympic Medical Center to join AHA lawsuit against Medicare cuts
- Western State Hospital workers say they have 'no confidence' in nursing administration

WYOMING

- Physician surgery center investors running for hospital board fight objections — 6 insights
- Wyoming Medical Center wins national award for heart care
- State encourages doctors, hospitals to provide free care
- Wyoming joins hundreds of lawsuits against opioids

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Stanford Children's Health selects new president and CEO
- Spending on California ballot initiatives over hospital charges exceeds \$7M
- California hospital names interim CEO amid investigation into leadership
- Anchor Health Properties acquires 2 California medical office buildings
- Mammoth Hospital in California hires new CEO
- New report: Costs for healthcare services vary widely across California metros
- Rural California hospital claims Anthem hasn't raised rates in 9 of past 12 years
- California voters back \$1.5B bond initiative to upgrade children's hospitals
- While healthcare use falls in Colorado, prices push costs higher, report says
- Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford's new CEO is Paul King

COLORADO

- Kaiser Permanente Colorado lays off 200 workers to "address redundancies"
- Thomas More Hospital celebrates 80 years of health and healing
- BV hospitals embrace new leadership
- UCHealth names chief nursing officers at Poudre Valley, Greeley hospitals
- Tender Care Pediatrics subleases large space on Boeing Drive
- Costs, patient education, staffing remain concerns in BV healthcare

- [Encision posts flat earnings per share as net income falls year-over-year](#)
- [DaVita HealthCare: 3Q Earnings Snapshot](#)

NEVADA

- [More Nevada hospitals earn top marks on patient safety](#)
- [Six Las Vegas medical professionals receive awards](#)
- [Hospital plan for profitability](#)
- [Rosen announces 2 grants to improve Nevada healthcare](#)

UTAH

- [A Winning Idea: Medicaid Expansion Prevails In Idaho, Nebraska And Utah](#)