

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JANUARY 4, 2019

### NATIONAL

- 12 hospital construction projects worth \$1B or more in 2018
- Amazon gets into health insurance — and more 2019 health-tech predictions from top experts
- How Northwell Health and Ascension executed massive rebranding campaigns and what other health systems can learn
- Hospitals hike minimum wage in geographic clusters
- Healthcare accounted for bigger portion of 2018 DOJ false claims recoveries
- Hospitals will have to post prices online starting January 1
- State-by-state breakdown of 93 rural hospital closures
- Federal judge says HHS Secretary Alex Azar exceeded legal authority in setting 340B drug payment rates
- CMS proposes fee increase for labs
- What's coming for healthcare in 2019? Health system executives weigh in
- Federal judge blocks Trump rule cutting drug payments to hospitals
- Justice Dept Recovered \$2.5B from Healthcare False Claims in 2018
- HIMSS19 to offer a look at how HHS is approaching blockchain
- Doctors to Silicon Valley engineers: Spend more time in the hospital before building apps
- Epic expands outside of hospitals: 4 healthcare organizations that deployed Epic EHRs this year
- CMS extends deadline for voluntary readmissions measure to Jan. 4
- Top 10 supply chain stories of 2018
- 28 pharma companies will hike prices in January after 2018 price freeze
- 3 digital health moves the FDA made in 2018
- CMS overhauls ACO program
- Venture capital firms pour billions into digital health

### NORTHEAST

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

### **CONNECTICUT**

- Croke learning on the job as new CEO of Wood River Health Services
- Connecticut Hospital fined for operating improper blood draw facility
- Former Access Health CEO, state contractor pay to settle ethics violation

- Stamford Health, HSS open sports rehab center in Connecticut
- Report calls for changes to CT's Medicaid program for children
- Malloy touts healthcare successes

## MAINE

- Mercy takes next step toward a consolidated hospital campus
- CMMC a top cardio hospital
- Portland Planning Board Approves Hospital Expansion Project
- Discover the evolution of orthopedic medicine right here in Maine
- New nursing program aims to help fill education, workforce gaps

## MASSACHUSETTS

- McLean Hospital Pays Massachusetts \$75,000 for 2015 Breach
- Mass General builds algorithm to detect intracranial hemorrhages
- Despite cuts, UMass Memorial Health Care posts operating loss for 2018
- Massachusetts 911 operators to learn new protocols after patient death outside hospital's ER
- Three Mass. biotechs prepare to ring in 2019 with IPOs

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Credit rating agency gives Elliot Hospital 'stable' outlook, cites expected financial improvements
- By the numbers: New Hampshire receives 'D' grade on national ranking of states' fiscal health

## NEW YORK

- NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan to get \$52M for infrastructure improvements
- City investing \$52 million in East Harlem hospital
- Rochester Regional Health activates second largest solar farm in NYS
- How Northwell Health and Ascension executed massive rebranding campaigns and what other health systems can learn
- Penn Yan hospital seeking to close inpatient unit
- New York hospital under investigation for potential Legionella cases
- NYU Langone, healthcare workers reach contract agreement
- For New York hospitals, first-ever citywide nurse residency program will help retention, curb burnout
- Stamford Health, HSS open sports rehab center in Connecticut
- NYC launches 1st city-led nurse residency program in the US
- Catholic Health Services of Long Island reshuffles 4 leadership roles
- Memorial Sloan Kettering's season of turmoil

## RHODE ISLAND

- Hospital CEO: RI should stop diverting ambulances
- Providence ambulance company accused of improper billing agrees to pay \$300,000
- Care New England's losses climb to \$47.6M in 2018
- Hospital tech system aims to speed communication

## VERMONT

- Vermont med school brings doctors to Danbury
- Vermont governor taps former medical center CEO to oversee cash-strapped Springfield Hospital
- Email attack jeopardizes data of 32,000 at Vermont Hospital

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- In 2019, Delaware hospitals will treat the leading cause of maternal mortality the same way
- Executive order aims to curb healthcare spending
- Atlantic General Hospital welcomes new board of trustees members
- Christiana Care to respond to claims of illegal Medicaid kickbacks next week
- Delaware Sets Health Care Spending Benchmark
- Nanticoke hospital to change how it gets paid
- Trinity Health hospitals announce minimum raise increases in New Year

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Judge denies request to keep DC health system open
- Inova's future plans for Merrifield campus shrink significantly
- Judge denies District's motion to stop Providence closure
- GWU Hospital says it's back in the game to work toward East End Hospital deal
- C. Council approves St. E's hospital bill after changes; GWU Hospital mum

## MARYLAND

- Maryland hospitals end merger talks
- LifeBridge Health and Union Hospital of Cecil County end takeover talks
- Year in Review 2018: Maryland hospitals plan multimillion-dollar facelifts
- New health laws taking effect in Md.
- Johns Hopkins hospitals don't always follow 'basic safety rules,' report claims
- LifeBridge Health faces class-action suit over 2016 data breach
- More top executives leave Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in Florida

## NEW JERSEY

- [Hackensack UMC and Morristown Medical Center recognized for orthopedic care](#)
- [Valley Health System seeks better patient, record matching](#)
- [Virtua joins N.J. health care consortium](#)
- [Surgery center alerts 3,778 patients about possible exposure to infections](#)
- [After reshaping NJ health care with a unique personal touch, John Lloyd calls it quits](#)
- [Tracking New Jersey's progress on population health](#)
- [Patient sues New Jersey clinic over sterilization breach, rusty equipment](#)
- [New Jersey nurses reach labor deal with future Salem hospital owner](#)
- [J. is missing out on a bigger piece of the \\$2.6B clinical drug trial industry | Editorial](#)
- [Hudson Regional Hospital's 2018 Year in Review](#)
- [Hackensack Meridian Health co-CEO retires](#)
- [Trinity Health hospitals announce minimum raise increases in New Year](#)

## PENNSYLVANIA

- [Fallout over UPMC-Highmark split rankles patients forced to choose sides, confront prepay rule](#)
- [Tristan radiology docs leave UPMC Pinnacle locations for Penn State Health](#)
- [Pennsylvania lawmakers ask CMS to help seniors facing end of Highmark-UPMC agreement](#)
- [Penn Medicine launches brain tumor telemedicine program](#)
- [Q&A with Jefferson Health's new chief medical social media officer](#)
- [New group overseeing emergency room at Ellwood City Medical Center](#)
- [Jefferson Hospital tops 1,000 births for 1st time](#)
- [UPMC Pinnacle starts process of closing Lancaster hospital formerly known as St. Joseph's](#)
- [Doctors at 3 Philly-area hospitals are pushing back after working for weeks without pay](#)
- [Mary Medical Raising Minimum Wage To \\$15](#)
- [Hospital cited after allegations that patients were assaulted by staff](#)
- [Physicians at 3 Pennsylvania hospitals mull legal action after working weeks without pay](#)
- [New Penn State Health facility expands access to primary and specialty care in Lancaster County](#)
- [Tower Health launches revamped, and expanded, home care division](#)
- [Trinity Health hospitals announce minimum raise increases in New Year](#)
- [Penn Medicine Lancaster General seeks to fill 500 positions](#)

## VIRGINIA

- [Bon Secours gets green light for hospital in Virginia](#)

- New North Suffolk hospital approved
- Virginia ASC welcomes patients at open house
- Sentara Healthcare donates \$535k to 17 non-profits in Virginia, North Carolina
- Medicaid expansion in Virginia set to begin in the new year

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- Federal government intervenes in hospital whistleblower suit
- West Virginia University Health System CEO Albert Wright on his most recent meaningful patient interaction
- Federal government joins lawsuit against Wheeling Hospital
- West Virginia hospital, CEO hit with federal kickback suit
- WVU Medicine, Mon Health continue history of cooperation, competition
- Braxton County Memorial Hospital becomes full member of West Virginia University Health System

## **CENTRAL**

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

## **IOWA**

- New hospital head takes on 'aspirational' goals for value-based care
- Mercy ACO partners with PatientPing

## **KANSAS**

- Kansas extends medical board's regulations to telemedicine
- State takes over nursing home in central Kansas
- Kansas hospital to close, affecting 327 jobs
- 2019 marks the official arrival of Shawnee Mission Health's new name: AdventHealth
- Late paychecks hit 'lives and livelihood' of KC-based rural hospital chain's employees
- 3 hospitals close in Kansas, Tennessee

## **MINNESOTA**

- 7 thoughts on Mayo's philanthropy, controversies and future from retiring CEO Dr. John Noseworthy
- Minnesota hospital apologizes for billing mistake

## **MISSOURI**

- How Northwell Health and Ascension executed massive rebranding campaigns and what other health systems can learn
- Louis Proud: Doctors and nurses from Children's Hospital sharing their expertise around the globe
- Bankrupt healthcare company looks to sell its stake in St. Alexius Hospital in south St. Louis
- Doctoral research enhances NICU operations at area hospital
- Missouri improves, but still in bad shape when it comes to this state ranking

- Columbia senator sees few options for MU Health, SSM deal
- Proposed St. Mary's Hospital sales in Jefferson City and Mexico could go before Legislature
- Late paychecks hit 'lives and livelihood' of KC-based rural hospital chain's employees
- Some KC-area health consumers dismayed by the new price lists hospitals revealed January 1
- SSM: MU Health Care is the right candidate to purchase St. Mary's Hospitals in mid-Missouri

## NEBRASKA

- Pender Community Hospital District hires Edwards as COO
- Callaway District Hospital CEO retires
- Expedia for health care? CHI Health lets patients buy vouchers for discounted medical procedures
- State launches website to inform Nebraskans about Medicaid expansion progress

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Cavalier County Memorial Hospital appoints CEO
- D. nursing homes are losing millions

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sioux San Hospital to stay with Indian Health Service
- Sanford Health, Good Samaritan Society merger complete

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Three Advocate hospitals — Illinois Masonic, Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan — ending pediatric inpatient care
- 10 Illinois hospitals get a name change
- Lake Forest Hospital Names New Chief of Medical Staff
- District court grants summary judgment for SSM Health in trademark dispute
- Three Advocate hospitals — Illinois Masonic, Good Shepherd, Good Samaritan — ending pediatric inpatient care
- Health care tech company raises VC funds, plans to hire
- Illinois nurses receive \$7.9M settlement after hostage incident
- For-profit Springfield hospital closing by March 31
- Ten Presence hospitals getting a name change
- Chicago hospital performs record 54 heart transplants in 2018
- Illinois long-term care hospital to close amid declining reimbursement
- Advocate to use 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030
- State hospital group has new leadership



## INDIANA

- [Vibra closing; region losing last provider for acute care](#)
- [Regenstrief, MDClone to speed data access for medical research](#)
- [Indiana falls three spots, to No. 41, in latest national health rankings](#)
- [IU Health Names Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer](#)
- [CHS to build \\$120M Indiana hospital](#)
- [Indiana lawmaker wants to bring back hospital 'certificate of need' process](#)
- [Vibra Hospital to Lay Off 120](#)
- [Reid Health to Provide Ambulance Service to Western Wayne County](#)
- [Lutheran Health Finalizes Plans For New Hospital](#)

## KENTUCKY

- [New twist in Jewish Hospital saga: UofL appears to want to buy it with a partner](#)
- [University of Louisville Health names new CEO](#)
- [Kentucky hospital hires more staff to treat sexual assault patients](#)
- [Kindred partners with tech firm to improve sharing of health data, patient care](#)
- [Kentucky hospital blames Medicare error for delay in paying workers](#)
- [Kentucky orthopedic group, hospital launch joint replacement program](#)
- [HMH sale named top story of the year](#)
- [Passport West End HQ project gets \\$24M from national organizations](#)
- [Oncologist's \\$500,000 gift to St. Elizabeth's new Cancer Care Center is designated for 'comfort care'](#)
- [Largest Private Equity Health Care Deals of 2018: Kindred, Curo Make the List](#)

## MICHIGAN

- [Woods set to step in as McLaren Northern Michigan interim president, CEO](#)
- [Former Henry Ford Health CEO is named MSU trustee](#)
- [McLaren Northern Michigan names interim CEO](#)
- [Spectrum Health appoints Andrea Leslie regional market leader, overseeing 4 hospitals](#)
- [Beaumont Health, UHS announce joint venture](#)
- [Detroit Medical Center to add 79 new residency slots](#)
- [Michigan hospital's birth center to close](#)
- [Hospital prices now online in Mid-Michigan](#)

## OHIO

- [Local hospital prices are about to go public](#)

- TriHealth CEO joins leadership of hospital association
- MetroHealth CEO Dr. Akram Boutros, Chief of Staff Jane Platten subpoenaed to testify before Cuyahoga County grand jury
- 'The hospital never told us:' Cincinnati Children's loses \$2 million spine surgery lawsuit
- Joseph Hospital's relocation remains on hold
- Kettering Health Network expects to open Troy Hospital in June
- Mercy Health delays plan to build \$250M Ohio hospital
- Ohio's Hospice turns to analytics to aid outcomes
- Cincinnati hospital adds to C-suite
- Dayton Children's Hospital announces partnership with Gem City Market
- Akron Children's Hospital CEO talks growth
- OhioHealth exec to chair Ohio Hospital Association
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital to pay \$2M for botched surgeries by physician on the run
- Knox Community Hospital CEO named to state, regional leadership boards

## WISCONSIN

- Hayward hospital joins 3-state project to reduce opioid use
- Marshfield Clinic takes part in national research program
- SSM Health to be sole owner of Turville Bay radiation center
- Ascension Ambulatory Surgery Center in Mount Pleasant moves ahead
- Wisconsin hospitals to post prices online
- Hospitals to post prices online, how will it affect healthcare in Northeast Wisconsin?
- Rolando Macasaet retires from Vernon Memorial Healthcare
- Advocate to use 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030
- Irgens sells three health care properties for about \$75 million
- Froedtert plans new Waukesha clinic

## SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

## ALABAMA

- After nearly five years lawsuit against Flowers Hospital is over
- Ochsner, Geneva Health Solutions partner for remote monitoring of cardiac device patients
- Alabama hospital sets records for surgeries, ER visits after Dec. 6 move
- Hospital busier than ever since move to new \$230M building
- Tim Puthoff named CEO of Brookwood Baptist Health



- [Flowers Hospital settles lawsuit 5 years after data breach](#)

## FLORIDA

- [Baptist Health earnings grow in fiscal 2018 as merger looms](#)
- [2nd standalone ER planned for Lakeland](#)
- [Florida HCA hospitals recruit workers seeking jobs after Hurricane Michael](#)
- [Pinellas Health News: Blood centers announce intent to merge](#)
- [University of Miami Health System taps COO](#)
- [Judge calls for rejection of Orlando Health pediatric heart-transplant program application](#)
- [Baptist Health South Florida sees 66% jump in net income](#)
- [Judge deals blow to Arnold Palmer Hospital's hopes for pediatric heart-transplant program](#)
- [Bill Would Provide More Money For Florida's Safety Net Hospitals](#)
- [Bankrupt Promise Healthcare gets \\$63 mln offer for Florida facilities](#)
- [Florida Supreme Court backs insurance company over Lee Health in lawsuit](#)
- [Citrus Memorial Hospital debuts \\$2.8 million renovation of stroke facilities](#)
- [Ardent selling damaged Florida hospital to Ascension](#)
- [Fort Myers doctor to pay \\$1.7 M for medical fraud](#)
- [Sacred Heart Health System names new president and CEO](#)
- [Lee Health launching 'Vivida,' a Medicaid insurance program for Southwest Florida](#)
- [Tampa Bay hospitals confront new pricing transparency rules](#)
- [Sacred Heart Health System's new CEO Henry Stovall talks projects, changes in 2019](#)
- [Hospital damaged by Hurricane Irma to be demolished](#)
- [Adventist Health System completes rebranding across 47 hospitals](#)
- [Florida Hospital Ocala rebranded AdventHealth Ocala](#)
- [Three more All Children's officials resign following Times investigation](#)
- [Florida hospital to resume limited inpatient services](#)

## GEORGIA

- [Macon-based health system to join Carolina group](#)
- [Regent pushes to combine University Hospital with AU Health](#)
- [Navicent deal with N.C.-based chain shakes up hospital business in Middle Georgia](#)
- [Hospital reports strong month](#)
- [Atrium Health Finalizes Expansion Into Georgia](#)
- [Health care firm bringing 500 jobs to Roswell](#)

- Ochsner, Geneva Health Solutions partner for remote monitoring of cardiac device patients
- The story behind the Frazier, Atlanta Gastroenterology Associates deal
- Lee County Medical Center battle among this year's top health stories in Georgia
- Georgia hospital suing patients for defamation over alleged body mix-up
- Southeast Georgia Health System selects COO
- Northside Hospital files plans for 2 medical buildings
- Piedmont Newton Hospital appoints CFO

## MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi remains near bottom of national health rankings, beating only Louisiana
- Ochsner, Geneva Health Solutions partner for remote monitoring of cardiac device patients
- Mississippi improves health ranking to 49th
- Amory hospital sale finalized; new name will be NMMC Gilmore-Amory

## NORTH CAROLINA

- Navicent deal with N.C.-based chain shakes up hospital business in Middle Georgia
- Atrium Health Finalizes Expansion Into Georgia
- UnitedHealthcare, Duke LifePoint hospital negotiations over fees reach critical point
- UNC Health Care To Manage Jacksonville Hospital
- New Broughton Hospital delayed again
- North Carolina rehab center settles U.S. allegations of firing employee due to illness
- Hospital undergoes transition
- What stories grabbed you in 2018? NC Health News most-read stories of the year.
- If Mission Health is sold to HCA, what happens to quality of care?
- Wilkes Medical Center president announces retirement plans; Davie hospital president to take over duties
- WakeMed's operating income falls 20%
- Atrium Health welcomes chief strategy officer
- Macon-based health system to join Carolina group
- New Mission Health tower, Arras hotel and condos slated to open in 2019
- Sentara Healthcare donates \$535k to 17 non-profits in Virginia, North Carolina
- NC Health Policy and Trends to Watch For in 2019 – Part 2
- Park Ridge is now AdventHealth
- Cone Health continues pursuit of \$15 minimum wage with pay raise
- Onslow Memorial Hospital CFO dies at 66

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- [New study on memory being done at Roper St. Francis Hospital in Charleston](#)
- [Charleston real estate company donates \\$10,000 to pediatric palliative care team at MUSC](#)
- [Baptist Easley gets a D on a new hospital quality report card](#)
- [Board Member Chosen to Lead South Carolina Health Panel](#)

## **TENNESSEE**

- [New Tennessee Law Opens Up Telemedicine Across State Lines](#)
- [Tennessee jury rules for doctors in \\$58M case against Wellmont](#)
- [CHS to close 2 hospitals](#)
- [Northeast Regional Health Office of TDH to receive performance excellence award](#)
- [In small-town Tennessee, rural health clinics struggle as state freezes payments](#)
- [CHS, Steward battle in court over unpaid bills in 8-hospital deal](#)
- [Tennova provides updates on hospital plans](#)
- [HealthSouth Hospital gets a new name](#)
- [TriStar Hendersonville Medical Center hires new CFO](#)
- [Turner Construction Begins Work on St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital](#)
- [Jury awards \\$58M to physicians group in lawsuit against Wellmont](#)
- [Tennessee hospital installs new robotic system for spine surgery](#)
- [3 hospitals close in Kansas, Tennessee](#)
- [Tennessee hospital CEO blames funding cuts for power outage forcing patients to relocate](#)
- [HCA names new ethics and compliance chief, SVP of internal audit services](#)

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

## **ARKANSAS**

- [Concerns raised about financial fate of Arkansas hospital](#)
- [De Queen hospital may close](#)
- [De Queen Hospital faces financial problems](#)
- [Ochsner, Geneva Health Solutions partner for remote monitoring of cardiac device patients](#)
- [Lawsuit aims to open records at Harrison hospital](#)
- [Burn unit at Arkansas Children's Hospital reopened for adults](#)
- [Allegations of no pay or health insurance for Arkansas Medical Center](#)
- [Arkansas Ranks Low for Overall Health](#)

- Arkansas Children's taps new chief people officer
- Arkansas officials prepare for potential hospital closure in Sevier County

## ARIZONA

- Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation verified as a Level III trauma center
- Banner Health Moves Forward on New Arizona Care Center
- New Arizona law will help prevent 'surprise' hospital bills from out-of-network providers
- Banner Health Recovered From EHR Downtime Following Network Outage
- Arizona ranks 30th in the nation for overall health

## LOUISIANA

- Report: Louisiana ranked most unhealthy state in 2018
- Ochsner, Geneva Health Solutions partner for remote monitoring of cardiac device patients
- Louisiana nurse practitioner is US group's president-elect
- Ochsner upped its lowest hourly wage to \$12. Will others follow suit?
- Our Lady of the Lake Children's Health appoints president
- Willis-Knighton Health System taps chief administrative officer

## NEW MEXICO

- Opportunity costs: Weighing a joint venture between New Mexico children's hospitals
- Texas health care company opens ABQ office

## OKLAHOMA

- Prague hospital runs short of supplies as financial troubles deepen
- Prague hospital runs short of supplies, late with payroll
- Hillsboro hospital's woes deepen
- SoonerCare agency seeks \$44 million to increase provider pay
- Study: Oklahoma has a nursing shortage
- New health care option coming to Ada
- Nurses claim they're paying for supplies at Oklahoma hospital
- Oklahoma hospital short of supplies due to financial problems
- Ada medical center nears completion of major expansion
- Affordable Care Act enrollment reaches record in Oklahoma
- Hastings Hospital corrects deficiencies after CMS probe of improper syringe use

## TEXAS

- Meet the Baylor Scott & White CEO guiding Texas' biggest hospital merger

- [HCA Houston Healthcare taps Plano exec as new chief development officer](#)
- [Full circle: Hendrick Health System boss Tim Lancaster to ring in new year in retirement](#)
- [\\$74 million Alliance Fort Worth hospital expansion joins Texas Health's growth spurt](#)
- [HCA's Kingwood Medical Center names Fort Worth exec as new CEO](#)
- [Sundance Behavioral Health Hospital Ceases Operations, Surrenders License](#)
- [Medical City McKinney's New Chief Operating Officer](#)
- [Texas psych hospital to lose Medicare funding after safety lapses](#)
- [This north Fort Worth hospital is expanding. What will it do for \\$74 million?](#)
- [Houston-based health care software co. trades hands](#)
- [After bitter closure, rural Texas hospital defies the norm and reopens](#)
- [Houston health care co. taps former Memorial Hermann exec as new CEO](#)
- [Report: Texas Hospitals are Becoming Less Profitable](#)
- [Texas hospitals react to new mandate to post health care prices](#)
- [Baylor-Hermann Memorial merger will create closely watched mega-provider](#)
- [Construction Moves Ahead on \\$270M Frisco Hospital](#)
- [SA virtual health care company acquires Colorado business](#)
- [Texan Allergy & Sinus Center opens new clinic in The Woodlands](#)
- [Doctors say King's Daughters Clinic will reopen after deal with Ascension Texas](#)
- [HCA's West Houston Medical Center completes surgical suite expansion](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White, Memorial Hermann to keep regional brands after merger: 'Spending millions taking signs off buildings doesn't improve healthcare'](#)
- [Push to ensure freestanding ER patients aren't stuck with big bills](#)
- [Sale of shuttered Temple clinic approved by bankruptcy judge](#)

## **NORTHWEST**

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

### **ALASKA**

- [Alaska considers CON law repeal](#)
- [Alaska's Medical Price Transparency Law to be Delayed](#)
- [New CEO leaves Alaska Psychiatric Institute after less than 4 months](#)

### **IDAHO**

- [Idaho preparing for Medicaid expansion](#)
- [Innovative medical services now offered in Rigby and East Idaho](#)

## MONTANA

- Pharmacy industry ‘middlemen’ settle Montana case
- Billings Clinic, Montana health department collaborate to connect physicians with psychiatrists
- Despite judge’s ruling, Montana Medicaid expansion advocates move forward

## OREGON

- Zoom Care names new CEO days after acquisition by PeaceHealth
- New CEO plans to continue tradition of success
- Oregon hospital association leader plans to step down
- Nurses accuse Bend hospital of unfair labor practices
- And the most-read Oregon health care stories of 2018 were ...
- Oregon And Washington Health Care Organizations Merge
- Class-action suit alleges Legacy Health failed to pay nursing staff for hours worked
- Charles Redmond plans \$15M expansion, more treatment
- Grande Ronde Hospital and Clinics selects CEO

## WASHINGTON

- Twisting the trend, Providence St. Joseph snags another tech exec
- Hospital district still working with architects on possible new facility
- Microsoft exec joins Providence St. Joseph Health as CIO
- Oregon And Washington Health Care Organizations Merge
- How Harborview Medical Center is tackling high readmission rates among homeless
- Changes coming for Spokane Medicaid clients in 2019
- How Harborview Medical Center is tackling high readmission rates among homeless
- Providence St. Joseph Health Predicts 2019 Will Be "The Year Of Coalitions In Health Care"
- Cancer care center to open this month at EvergreenMonroe hospital

## WYOMING

- Hospital officials confident of district's financial health
- Sweetwater County Commission Funding for hospital repairs approved
- CVS now offering MinuteClinic in Wyoming
- Washington Hospital, Clinic to Launch Cerner EHR Implementation

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA



- California Northstate University plans \$750M teaching hospital
- Nurses at 2 California hospitals withdraw strike notices
- John's Pleasant Valley Hospital addition opens in Camarillo
- CHI, Dignity Health Push Back Hospital Merger Closing Date
- New \$750 million hospital to be built in Elk Grove
- Dignity Health's innovation chief on healthcare's "membership culture" shift
- California hospital reexamines transition to nonprofit operator
- Cottage Health opens outpatient cardiology clinic
- Ken Keller named new president/CEO of Memorial Hospital
- California community hospital's reopening delayed until spring
- Dignity Health's Memorial Hospital promotes COO to CEO
- California jumped five spots in 2018 national health rankings over 2017

## COLORADO

- Pagosa Springs Medical Center Pays \$111,400 for HIPAA Violations
- DaVita Celebrates 2018 Achievements
- CHI, Dignity Health Push Back Hospital Merger Closing Date
- Colorado hospitals to post prices online
- Telemedicine helps transplant patients stay close to home
- Children's Hospital North expansion changes OK'd
- Colorado ranked top 10 in healthiest state report
- Banner Health Recovered From EHR Downtime Following Network Outage
- Oversight of Pueblo state hospital to begin
- SA virtual health care company acquires Colorado business
- Colorado Is Stepping up Its Game to Prevent Hospital-Related Infections

## HAWAII

- Nonprofit works to address physician shortage
- North Hawaii Community Hospital hosts ground blessing for new ER
- Hospital patients in Hawaii soon to be able to price compare health care online
- Hamakua-Kohala Health expands to Waimea
- Hawaii law allowing medically assisted suicide takes effect

## NEVADA

- Las Vegas hospital raises awareness about Medicaid repayments

## UTAH

- [Brigham City Community Hospital Breaks Ground On Emergency Room Expansion](#)
- [Utah makes list of healthiest states](#)
- [Timpanogos Regional Hospital selects new COO](#)
- [4 ways Intermountain Healthcare changed the patient payment experience](#)