

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JANUARY 18, 2019

NATIONAL

- Medicaid gets new acting director
- Healthcare leaders on communicating effectively with other C-suite executives
- Hospitals are turning to telehealth to manage scarce physician resources
- ACOs want deadline extended for CMS's Pathways to Success applications
- Intermountain Healthcare-led generic drug venture CivicaRx garners new members including NYU Langone, Memorial Hermann, Oschner
- Telemedicine Licensure Compact is Now Live in Half The Country
- Micro-markets inside health centers could be just what the doctor ordered
- S&P sees mostly stable outlook for nonprofit hospitals this year
- What nonprofit health organizations need to know about the new tax on their top executives
- Healthcare M&A now more about strategy than opportunity, Kaufman Hall says
- CMS sets application deadline for new ACO program 2 months after rule
- Viewpoint: 3 HIPAA issues to watch in 2019
- Private equity firms buying more MD practices
- HHS' Office for Civil Rights is hiring a deputy director for health information privacy
- Microsoft and Walgreens join forces to take on Amazon in health care
- Azar vows to go beyond administration blueprint if drug prices don't go down
- Supreme Court hears case over disproportionate share hospital payments
- Report: There were fewer, but larger, hospital mergers and acquisitions in 2018
- Connecticut judge tosses cities' lawsuits against opioid companies
- HHS asks Supreme Court to review Medicare payments ruling
- Hospitals' online prices prove difficult for patients to understand
- AHA submits legislative, regulatory recommendations to mitigate drug shortages

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Western Connecticut Health Network gets \$4.7 million to treat addiction
- Hartford HealthCare to implement \$15 minimum wage

- Torrington GoHealth Urgent Care opens, replacing hospital's walk-in clinic
- Unexpected events shape Connecticut's health care policy
- Connecticut judge tosses cities' lawsuits against opioid companies

MAINE

- SMHC plans \$34M construction project at Sanford medical center
- Central Maine Healthcare names new president for hospitals in Bridgton, Rumford
- Sanford Medical Center expanding facilities with projects costing \$34 million
- Northern Light outsources ER, in-patient providers
- Valley Regional Hospital CEO leaving to take job in Maine

MASSACHUSETTS

- Man gets 10 years for cyberattack on Boston Children's Hospital
- Outer Cape Health Services Names Four New Directors
- Massachusetts hospital to close pediatric unit
- Massachusetts startups focus on personalized health care
- Massachusetts biotech proposes installment plan to buy its drug
- Newly re-branded Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Western Massachusetts shows off facility
- Massachusetts to conduct first survey of Medicaid patients on care quality
- Framingham health analyst acquires Vermont competitor
- Boston Children's Hospital teams with Medumo on patient navigation app

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Randy Hayes: Four health care priorities for New Hampshire
- Valley Regional Hospital CEO leaving to take job in Maine

NEW YORK

- Staten Island providers finalize merger
- UR Medicine, ROC Regional Health team up to offer online access to doctor visit notes
- Labor Department confirms 'active' probe into NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital
- Northwell Health Cancer Institute appoints key clinical leaders as part of ongoing expansion
- Memorial Sloan Kettering bars top executives from pharma boards
- New York probing union-busting claims at Hudson Valley hospital
- South Nassau Communities Hospital president, CEO Richard Murphy begins statewide leadership roles
- Cortland Regional Medical Center, Guthrie finalize affiliation
- Rothman Orthopaedic Institute brings joint replacement services to New York

- Callen-Lorde to build \$18M Brooklyn clinic
- The Health Care Power 50
- Home nursing pay has not increased in 20 years. Now, WNY is facing a home nursing shortage.

RHODE ISLAND

- I. Hospital names Carayannopoulos chief of new physical and rehabilitation department
- PACE using \$28K Champlin Foundation grant for new security system
- ACLU of Rhode Island settles suit against state on behalf of Medicaid Premium Payment enrollees

VERMONT

- Springfield Hospital updates finances, but state wants more answers
- State to boost monitoring of hospital finances
- Vermont hospital, technicians in negotiations months after nurse contract dispute
- UVM Medical Center, professional technicians begin contract negotiations
- Framingham health analyst acquires Vermont competitor

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Christiana Care, Cerna Health partner on weight loss surgery
- New Bayhealth Sussex Campus set to accept patients in early February, community open house scheduled
- Delaware-based biopharma gets new financial support
- Why is Delaware losing doctors?
- Christiana Care lands large corporate contract for bariatric surgery

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Medical school professor to address D.C. health equity in new city government role
- Providence hospital gets a key approval amid D.C. lawsuit

MARYLAND

- Meritus Health rolls out Epic EHR, with help from St. Louis-based Mercy
- Chesapeake Health Care Improves Patient Access with Clearwave Self-Service Solutions
- Maryland hospital cuts 32 positions
- Union Hospital lays off senior staff members
- Hunt Valley contract drug manufacturer appoints new CEO
- Biotech to create 170 jobs, invest \$28M in new Rockville HQ

NEW JERSEY

- [New Jersey Gets \\$2.3M to Expand Telehealth Programs for Children](#)
- [Proposed Virtua-Lourdes merger to proceed without Certificate of Need](#)
- [Pallone announces \\$1.6 million HHS grant money for Monmouth health center](#)
- [Cooper University Health Care appoints co-CEOs](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- [Won't you be my neighbor? Medical facility to include ASC](#)
- [Temple's proposed sale of Fox Chase Cancer Center to Jefferson could boost health in North Philly](#)
- [UPMC Cole Announces Leadership Transition in Northern Tier Region](#)
- [Clarion Hospital names Davis as CEO](#)
- [Mayor concerned about future of hospital as workers go nearly month without pay](#)
- [Ohio Valley Hospital, Heritage Valley Health System finalize affiliation](#)
- [UPMC Cole to transition leadership](#)
- [Penn State Health's acute care hospital on the West Shore one step closer to groundbreaking](#)
- [Ohio Valley Hospital, Heritage Valley Health System finalize affiliation](#)
- [Uniontown Hospital unwinds partnership with UPMC, talks with WVU Medicine continue](#)
- [Won't you be my neighbor? Medical facility to include ASC](#)
- [Cooper University Health Care CEO to retire June 1](#)
- [Uniontown surgery center certified for outpatient knee replacements](#)
- [Kelly addresses Ellwood City Hospital pay](#)
- [Philadelphia's Bryn Mawr Hospital opens \\$250M patient pavilion](#)
- [How UPMC Is Bringing Enhanced Telemedicine Services to the Grocery Store](#)
- [Humana hires new chief medical officer from UPMC](#)
- [Casey tells Highmark, UPMC to address patients' confusion over coverage](#)
- [How a Pennsylvania health system slashed readmissions 25%](#)
- [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia sues over 'misappropriation' of its research](#)
- [Senator presses UPMC, Highmark CEOs to answer questions over coverage change](#)

VIRGINIA

- [Lee County hospital board cuts ties with Florida company after missed deadline](#)
- [LewisGale Medical Center in Salem gets a new COO](#)
- [Lee County restarts efforts to reopen hospital](#)
- [Transitional Care Clinic helps patients get beyond the ER](#)
- [LewisGale Medical Center announces new chief operating officer](#)

- Certificate of need: A thorn in Virginia's side for decades
- Sentara Healthcare names 1st medical groups, ambulatory services president
- Editorial stumps for Virginia to consider CON law review
- Virginia county in talks with Ballad Health to reopen hospital

WEST VIRGINIA

- Mountain Health System, CAMC to work together
- Head of Ascension Via Christi leaving for new job in West Virginia
- CAMC, Huntington-area hospitals announce affiliation agreement
- Mountain Health System, CAMC to work together
- Mountain Health names first president, CEO
- Uniontown Hospital unwinds partnership with UPMC, talks with WVU Medicine continue
- Report calls for privatizing West Virginia's state-run hospitals
- West Virginia's state-run hospitals should be privatized, report says
- Summersville Regional Medical Center to join the West Virginia University Health System
- Jackson General Hospital to join the West Virginia University Health System
- WVU Health System appoints 1st-ever chief pharmacy officer

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- New Mercy Medical Center service aims for shorter hospital stays
- UnityPoint starting own drug company to combat drug shortages
- Sioux Center Health purchases clinic
- Auditor wants to measure quality of Iowa Medicaid services
- Iowa Court OKs Open-Heart Surgery at Competing Hospitals
- Southeast Iowa couple awarded \$14 million in case against hospital
- Appeals court rejects key University of Iowa argument in Children's Hospital fight
- Skiff Medical Center to be renamed MercyOne Newton Medical Center
- Mercy Medical Center in Sioux City to adopt MercyOne name on Feb. 1
- Vinton hospital joins UnityPoint Health-Cedar Rapids as affiliate

KANSAS

- KC-based hospital company pays up at 11th hour to keep lights on at Kansas facility
- Head of Ascension Via Christi leaving for new job in West Virginia

- Official: Horton hospital stable despite financial troubles plaguing owners
- Kansas hospital is stable despite manager's financial struggles, CEO says
- 'A battle royale': Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly's first big test will be Medicaid expansion
- Local residents worried about future of Hillsboro Community Hospital
- Tallgrass Surgical Center in Kansas acquired by hospital

MINNESOTA

- Avera Health Acquiring More Health Facilities in Minnesota
- Shoreview-based Ecumen, a national provider of senior services, names new CEO
- Mayo Clinic, Wake Forest Baptist Health join clinical research network
- Gundersen Health System unveils plan for Winona Clinic
- Children's Hospital hires new inclusion executive
- Minnesota hospitals saw bad debt climb nearly 25% in 2017
- Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital CEO to resign

MISSOURI

- Meritus Health rolls out Epic EHR, with help from St. Louis-based Mercy
- Maryville's Mike Baumgartner appointed Regional President of SSM Health
- Texas County Memorial Hospital expects 12.9% increase in outpatient revenue
- SSM Health selects president for Mid-Missouri region
- SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital gets large grant for research in childhood cancer
- Swope Health CEO will retire
- How to win in the blockchain game: Q&A with Children's Mercy Kansas City CIO David Chou
- Missouri Supreme Court: Mercy won't get new trial, must pay patient tens of millions
- Jones: Change in services at SSM not as clear cut as it seems
- Golden Valley Memorial Hospital live-tweeted its EHR go-live

NEBRASKA

- After fight over Medicaid expansion, Nebraska lawmakers will now battle over how to pay for it
- Children's Hospital lawsuit highlights 'own and control' issue
- More docs choosing hospital employment over private practice; Children's lawsuit highlights 'own and control' issue

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health names new Bismarck region president
- Sanford regional president to make move to Montana
- Teladoc opposes North Dakota telemedicine bill

SOUTH DAKOTA

- [South Dakota health care system expands grief counseling](#)
- [Avera Health acquiring more health facilities in Minnesota](#)

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- [Sparta hospital CEO Joann Emge named president-elect of statewide hospital network](#)
- [Chicago's healthcare transactions amounted to \\$85B+ — How other cities stacked up](#)
- [Crosby: ER nurse from Aurora partners with state legislator on bill to prevent hospital violence](#)
- [Chicago-based telemedicine provider raises \\$6.5 million](#)
- [Rush is third hospital in country to achieve 'pinnacle' of predictive analytics](#)
- [Kambic named chair-elect to Illinois Health & Hospital Association](#)
- [Clay County Hospital president to resign](#)
- [U of Chicago, Central Illinois heart-care groups team up](#)
- [Illinois hospital pilots psychiatric urgent care program](#)
- [Medline to build healthcare supply chain center, create up to 400 jobs](#)
- [Illinois hospital announces partnership with online health care market provider](#)
- [Health Professionals Waiting Months for Illinois License Approval](#)
- [Northwestern Memorial HealthCare posts \\$13.3M net loss, 3% rise in operating income for Q1](#)

INDIANA

- [Indiana healthcare group hit by third-party data breach](#)
- [Medicaid work requirements start in Indiana — sort of](#)
- [Eli Lilly publishes list prices of its drugs online](#)
- [Olio Launches National Tech Platform](#)
- [Indiana Hospital Association Names VPs](#)
- [Clarksville rehabilitation hospital to open this summer](#)
- [IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital Awarded Accreditation From The Joint Commission](#)
- [Healthcare Facility to Open in Glendale](#)
- [IU Health Bloomington Hospital Names COO](#)
- [Indy Healthcare Provider Acquired](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Kentucky is the only state where physician assistants can't prescribe controlled medications. This bill would change that.](#)

- Overdoses drop in St. Elizabeth emergency rooms: 'It's less of a disaster,' doc says
- Yelp for hospitals: This website shows you operation costs in Kentucky
- Saint Joseph London hosts ribbon cutting for wound care service line
- Humana hires new chief medical officer from UPMC
- Passport says state cuts threaten future, new Louisville headquarters
- Kentucky residents again seek to block new Medicaid rules
- Jewish Hospital was once profitable. Then it joined forces with UofL.

MICHIGAN

- DCHS holds off on line of credit request
- Dickinson County Healthcare System restructuring update
- Holland Hospital sees record-setting joint surgeries
- Millennial CFO Brittany Lavis leads at DMC, talks population health
- Whitmer names ex-Obama official to lead DHHS
- Health Pointe partners with GR children's hospital
- Health care access improves in West Michigan and Detroit, report finds
- Micro-markets inside health centers could be just what the doctor ordered
- Allegan Hospital's plan with Ascension is part of decades-long trend
- West Michigan Cancer Center announces new interim executive director
- FirstLight Home Care Expanding to Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Detroit Medical Center names CMO, CNO for 3 hospitals
- Beaumont Health restructures leadership as 3 executives depart
- CEO of 3 Detroit Medical Center hospitals resigns for top post at Georgia health system

OHIO

- Cincinnati hospital appealing denied CON for \$23M ASC
- Settlement possible in long running Hoover Co. healthcare case
- Dayton-area hospital and health care provider names new CEO
- Meet Wilson Health's new CEO
- Ohio hospital closes behavioral health unit
- Madison County hospital unveils expanded ER, cancer clinic as part of \$25M project
- Second lawsuit filed against Ohio health system, physician charged with ordering fatal pain med doses

WISCONSIN

- Ascension Wisconsin plans 'several' micro hospitals

- [Ascension Wisconsin Held Several Community Conversations at St. Joseph and St. Francis](#)
- [Ascension Wisconsin enters joint venture to open small-scale neighborhood hospitals](#)
- [Wisconsin spine group makes partnership to join ACO](#)
- [Ascension Wisconsin partners with Emerus Holdings to expand health care coverage](#)
- [Milwaukee hospital to pay \\$360K for improper waste disposal](#)
- [Telemedicine Will Enhance, Not Replace Doctors In Rural Wisconsin, Experts Say](#)
- [New governor pushes for medicaid expansion](#)
- [Froedtert Health to pay \\$360K in hazardous waste disposal settlement](#)
- [Froedtert Director of Ambulatory Pharmacy Dr. Jordan Spillane on the market disruptors that have her attention](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Alabama hospital workers' health coverage at risk after system misses payments](#)
- [Brookwood Baptist Health launches new sports medicine practice](#)
- [UnitedHealth ranks Alabama 48 in their annual report](#)

FLORIDA

- [East Coast Surgery Center owners buying \\$935K property](#)
- [HCA Healthcare spends \\$52.5M on land for planned Florida hospital](#)
- [Florida hospital cancels fundraiser amid criticism for admissions policy](#)
- [Florida system may lose 4 radiologists amid 'controversial' pilot program](#)
- [Lee Health hospital room rates rising again. Here's where that money goes](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic rebrands newly acquired Florida hospitals, broadens footprint in Sunshine State](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic renames 4 hospitals](#)
- [AdventHealth breaks ground on Deltona ER](#)
- [Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida breaking ground on new center near Golden Gate](#)
- [Hospital opens new skilled nursing unit](#)
- [Two families file court documents hinting at possible All Children's suit over botched heart surgeries](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic's Mihaljevic embraces 'larger opportunity' in south Florida](#)
- [Florida health system donors redirect funds amid admissions policy controversy](#)
- [Inspectors visit Johns Hopkins All Children's after heart surgery deaths](#)
- [County Commission to rule Tuesday on Venice Regional hospital application](#)
- [Johns Hopkins hires former prosecutor to probe safety issues at All Children's](#)

- Hospital changes on the Treasure Coast
- BayCare bid to build 60-bed Florida hospital challenged again
- Boca Raton Regional Hospital seeks to raise \$250M, expand campus
- Florida ER lowers bill after \$5K charge for 4 stitches
- Baptist Health South Florida enters generic drug business
- Rennova paid CHS \$635K for Tennessee hospital
- Florida Board of Health suspends hundreds of health care licenses over student loan defaults
- Florida officials approve plans for 290-bed Venice Regional Hospital
- Former CEO of Cross Country Healthcare returns to role 25 years after leaving
- South Florida assisted living facility fined for death, attempted suicide and runaways

GEORGIA

- Shortage of mental health care in Georgia is called a crisis
- Health IT company BioIQ to relocate HQ to Cobb
- Northeast Georgia Medical Center plans another expansion for Braselton hospital
- Phoebe Putney Health System hires new chief human resources officer
- Atrium Health and Navicent Health celebrate collaboration
- Grady's ER trailer returns to combat flu
- Northeast Georgia Medical Center anticipates \$12 million project for Braselton hospital expansion
- Hospital Groups Open To A Few CON Changes; Critics Say More Needed
- Georgia health system duped out of \$1.2M recovers funds

MISSISSIPPI

- North Mississippi Health Services acquires Gilmore Memorial Hospital
- Mississippi could see push-pull on Medicaid expansion
- Forrest Health president assumes additional role upon CEO retirement
- Mississippi might be warming to limited Medicaid expansion

NORTH CAROLINA

- Murphy Hospital announces name change to show growing influence
- \$29 million earmarked for nursing home improvements goes unused for years
- With super-majorities gone, is Medicaid expansion on the table in NC?
- North Carolina hospital to close birthing unit
- Mayo Clinic, Wake Forest Baptist Health join clinical research network
- Atrium Health and Navicent Health celebrate collaboration

- The robot in the room: Changing stroke care through tele-medicine
- Atrium Health-Union unveils new sign
- Hearing set on proposed CRH clinic
- Cone Health previews new women and children's hospital
- Sentara Albemarle's Breast Center redesign nears completion
- Northern gets Top 10-percent ranking
- Consultant: Mission sale price to HCA deemed 'fair'
- BCBS of North Carolina to fund PCP program amid shortage
- Vidant, ECU medical groups merger efforts end
- Medline to build healthcare supply chain center, create up to 400 jobs
- North Carolina gets a 'F' on how equally it treats mental and physical health issues
- Duke, UNC Health among health systems to join value-based program with Blue Cross NC
- C. Attorney General signs off on Mission/HCA deal
- HCA's \$1.5B acquisition of Mission moves forward

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Trident Health acquires North Charleston site for a new specialty hospital
- Midlands health system headquarters, CEO to be based in Greenville after merger
- Summerville Medical opens new observation unit for expedited care, testing
- South Carolina's largest health care system conducting national search for new CEO
- Prisma Health senior leadership to be located in Upstate
- Trident Medical purchases 17-acre site for new behavioral health hospital
- Roper, MUSC plan to team up on a new rehab hospital in Berkeley County

TENNESSEE

- HealthStream pays \$18M for SNF quality specialists
- See how Nashville ranks among the nation's top cities for health care M&A
- Tennessee resumes extra payments to rural health clinics
- CHS CEO Wayne Smith: We're no longer a rural hospital chain
- HCA Healthcare spends \$52.5M on land for planned Florida hospital
- HealthStream buys Denver company for \$18M
- Dispute between Community Health Systems, Quorum Health settled by arbitrators
- State resumes payments to rural clinics struggling to stay open
- Ambulances, fire department stretched thin after Tennessee hospital closure

- Pharmaceutical firm to lay off 225 Memphis workers
- In-debt hospital takes monetary issues to court
- Rennova paid CHS \$635K for Tennessee hospital
- AmerisourceBergen cuts half its workforce at Tennessee compounding plant

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas medical center reaches settlement on failure to pay onsite, overnight workers overtime
- Training docs just part of job at med school; ASU's osteopaths aiming to make communities healthier
- CHI St. Vincent names physician president of Hot Springs market
- Arkansas hospital allocates \$50K to keep ER staffed
- Closure of Little Rock hospital's labor and delivery unit dismays nurses
- CHI St. Vincent restructures leadership team after 2 executives depart

ARIZONA

- Phoenix Nursing Facility CEO Resigns After Patient In Vegetative State Gives Birth
- Staffing company sues Green Valley hospital over unpaid bills
- Arizona's surprise billing law takes effect
- Physician staffing company sues Arizona hospital

LOUISIANA

- Health system announces plans for hospital renovation
- CHRISTUS Health investing \$43M to transform Highland Campus
- Humana can't seal documents in antitrust suit involving Louisiana health system
- Christus Health to spend \$43M expanding Highland Med Center
- Ochsner Health System joins national effort to bring down cost of prescriptions

NEW MEXICO

- Project ECHO Receives \$10 million Grant From Co-Impact
- UNMHSC's Project Echo to receive \$20 million grant

OKLAHOMA

- Head of Ascension Via Christi leaving for new job in West Virginia
- Enid doctor opens new by-membership primary care clinic
- Why an Oklahoma-based ASC values autonomy
- Oklahoma hospital employees receive food donations as shutdown continues

- [Lawsuit seeks to oust operator of Oklahoma hospital](#)

TEXAS

- [Parkland Names Executive Director of Its Community Health Plan](#)
- [Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center-Marshall names new administrator](#)
- [Texas psych hospital at risk of losing Medicare funding gets reprieve](#)
- [Melinda Stephenson reflects on 10 years as Kingwood Medical Center CEO](#)
- [Northwest Texas becomes first local hospital to offer ECMO treatment](#)
- [Health care group relocating headquarters in southwest Fort Worth](#)
- [Dallas' Promise Hospital to Go Up for Auction After Bankruptcy](#)
- [The Hospitals of Providence names new Sierra Campus CEO](#)
- [Providence owner buys clinics closed by bankrupt health care company](#)
- [Capital Senior Living Corp. Names President and CEO](#)
- [Providence Children's Hospital NICU earns highest designation in Texas](#)
- [Interim CEO of Texas hospital resigns](#)
- [How Texas hospitals are syncing data in battle against opioid abuse](#)
- [How Texas Trees Will Transform the Medical District](#)
- [NPH hires Hagey as CFO](#)
- [Tenet Healthcare plans to outsource 1,000+ jobs](#)
- [Parkland Hospital to add six-story, \\$154 million clinics and office building](#)
- [Medicaid, opioids and abortion: Health care issues to expect this Texas legislative session](#)
- [Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center president, other execs depart after federal review](#)
- [How Transforming the Medical District Could Transform Dallas](#)
- [Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center Names New President](#)
- [Hospital replaces leadership after blood transfusion mistake](#)
- [Scenic Mountain Medical Center to join Steward Health Care System](#)
- [Hospital names Smith new CEO](#)
- [El Paso medical group hires 100+ providers of shuttered orthopedic surgical hospital](#)
- [Medical City Plano, Medical City Frisco selects chief development officer](#)
- [Somebody break it to the boss: Morale's a problem at Tenet Healthcare](#)
- [Huntsville Memorial Hospital selects acting CEO](#)
- [Healthcare Shopping: An MRI in Dallas Can Range From \\$240 to \\$3,290](#)
- [Healthcare company leaves Irving for new headquarters in Plano](#)

- Two new lawsuits allege surgical errors during heart transplants at St. Luke's in Houston

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Federal ANMC staffers' pay covered during government shutdown
- Hospitals could merge by end of fiscal year

IDAHO

- Burst Biologics Partners with Adventist Health System
- Local pediatric clinic now offering specialized care through Primary Children's Hospital

MONTANA

- Hospital paid \$10 million to settle federal lawsuit over radiology services
- Missoula native tapped as new Chief Operating Officer at Polson hospital
- Kalispell Regional Healthcare announces new president, CEO
- Fully remodeled ICU opens at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings
- New coalition aims to make Billings more dementia-friendly
- Bozeman Health hospital monopolized cardiology services, physician claims

OREGON

- Oregon system, nurses reach tentative labor deal
- A first peek at the cool new guest house for OHSU Doernbecher families
- Media doesn't unfairly target pharma for rising health care costs, OHSU researcher finds

WASHINGTON

- CHI Franciscan leases property for future Bremerton clinic
- PeaceHealth adds software to make medical records accessible by cell phone
- CHI Franciscan announces new clinic at 4205 Kitsap Way
- Just looking for a problem? That's Providence St. Joseph's strategy for its new \$150M venture fund
- Drug Price Transparency Bill Coming to Wash. Legislature
- Providence adds first hospital-based K9 force in Washington State
- MultiCare starts \$15M Tacoma emergency department expansion

WYOMING

- Wyoming tribe says hospital overcharging tribal members
- Macker to chair statewide health committee
- JAC backs UW residency clinics bill

- Wyoming health system overcharged tribe, boosted profits 700%, tribe claims

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Long-time independent South Bay medical group sold to much larger DaVita
- UC San Diego Health opens California's 1st accredited ER for seniors
- California AG tries to halt sale of 2 hospitals
- Molina Healthcare Slapped with Large Fine for Lapses In Handling Grievances
- WellSpace Health will buy 3 clinics, gain 19,000 patients in Sacramento
- California's Delano Regional Medical Center to join Adventist Health
- California hospital district's dissolution temporarily halted
- Delano Regional agrees to join Adventist Health
- Outset Medical Appoints Chief Medical Officer and People Operations VP to Leadership Team
- Healthcare CEO pleads guilty in bribery case
- Corner Office: Erik G. Wexler, CEO of Providence St. Joseph Health, Southern California Region
- Los Alamitos Medical Center appoints COO

COLORADO

- Long-time independent South Bay medical group sold to much larger DaVita
- Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Hospital taps new CEO
- Peak Vista purchases building for first southeast Colorado Springs clinic
- Lawmakers Prepare To Tackle Hospitals, Big Pharma In New Legislative Session
- New Vail Health CEO Will Cook learning to lose the necktie
- Medical provider faces 50 charges
- HealthStream buys Denver company for \$18M
- Colorado lawmaker seeks deep dive into how hospitals spend tax dollars
- EMCH is going 'alternative' when it comes to opioids
- Man breaks into, spends 6 hours ransacking hospital clinic overnight
- Paladina Health Acquires Activate Healthcare to Amplify Impact of Primary Care Nationwide

HAWAII

- REHAB Hospital of the Pacific: Healing through art
- Hawaii Convention Center to host major medical conference

NEVADA

- Sunrise Hospital NICU services in jeopardy over low Medicaid reimbursements
- UNR Med expands health care services in northern Nevada
- Nevada providers, insurers hopeful for consensus this year on surprise billing solution

UTAH

- Utah may become the next state to seek Medicaid work requirements
- Intermountain Healthcare-led generic drug venture CivicaRx garners new members including NYU Langone, Memorial Hermann, Oschner
- Utah Valley Hospital opens new, 12-story patient tower, nearing the end of \$430M renovation
- Huntsman family donates \$30 million to expand cancer institute in honor of the late Jon Huntsman Sr.