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NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [DPH Fines Nursing Homes For Lapses In Care; Two Cases Involved Deaths](#)
- [Report: 2 dead from lapses in care at CT nursing homes](#)
- [Cityblock to expand to Connecticut](#)

- Sharon Hospital names interim president; search continues for permanent leader
- Johnson Memorial Hospital receives certification for stroke care
- Six CT Nursing Homes Cited Following Fatalities

MAINE

- Feds giving more than \$2M to boost northern Maine health
- MaineHealth enters \$400M 10-year contract with supply chain vendor
- Maine hospital files for bankruptcy
- Mayo Regional Hospital closing clinic due to physician shortage
- Mayo Hospital to close Guilford clinic in April
- Maine plans big Medicaid expansion push this week
- MaineHealth Building Best-in-Class Supply Chain to Further Enhance Patient Care Through New Prime Vendor Distribution Agreement
- Hospital Owes up to \$10 Million to Nearly 900 Creditors

MASSACHUSETTS

- Dana-Farber team awarded \$25 million for cancer research
- Massachusetts governor proposes price negotiation to rein in drug costs
- Nursing homes throughout Mass. face 'colossal collapse' from Medicaid shortfall
- Partners HealthCare CEO David Torchiana to Leave in Spring 2019
- UMass Memorial opens new Emergency Department in Leominster
- Massachusetts General Hospital To Construct New Clinical Care Building
- South Shore Health System gets \$2.4 million behavioral needs grant

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- What Does The Rise In Hospital Mergers Mean For N.H.?
- CMC, Dartmouth-Hitchcock to combine, but keep separate identities
- As N.H. hospitals combine forces, some wonder if more state oversight is needed
- H. Hospital Deal Part of New Reality
- HCA to expand footprint in New Hampshire
- MCH exploring partnership with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health
- HCA deal could help Frisbie boost emergency care, hospital official says
- H. Hospital Deal Part of New Reality
- New Hampshire's price transparency website helped patients save money

NEW YORK

- White Plains Hospital planning \$15.4M pediatric center within hospital

- Health care is the biggest employer in WNY. Here are six trends for 2019.
- Cityblock to expand to Connecticut
- The new Parsley Health Center in NYC doesn't feel like a doctor's office
- Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital gets new director
- New York City woman sues hospital after reported confusion over end of life support
- New York hospital lays off 25 employees
- Northwell Health upgrades labor-delivery unit at North Shore University Hospital
- NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital expands virtual care with Philips
- See Upstate NY hospitals with best, worst infection rates
- One of America's biggest hospitals invests in the meal-delivery space
- New York City's healthcare-for-all collides with hospital woes
- Zocdoc to begin charging NY doctors per booking
- NewYork-Presbyterian CIO Daniel Barchi on the strategic initiative he'll tackle in 2019

RHODE ISLAND

- Physicians subpoenaed in Rhode Island, allegedly after reporting EHR risks
- Home Health & Hospice Care of Nursing Placement acquires Consistent Care Corp.
- Wood River Health Services names Croke president, CEO

VERMONT

- U of Vermont Medical Center chief to retire in June
- Vermont hospital backtracks on questionable bills

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Nanticoke, PRMC hospital systems say merger will result in enhanced, coordinated services
- Nanticoke Health Services to affiliate with Peninsula Regional Health System
- 5 Delaware health insurers hit in data breach

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Johns Hopkins University buys Newseum building to consolidate D.C. presence
- Whitman-Walker 14th Street project to deliver in June — with a new name
- Dozens criticize D.C.'s response to opioid crisis at council hearing
- Corner Office: MedStar CMO Dr. Stephen Evans on the privilege of offering care

MARYLAND

- Hospital's Telehealth Program Reduces ER Visits, Treatment Costs
- Kass expanded cancer treatment in Washington County
- University of Maryland Medical System taps chief marketing and communications officer
- Health Dept. nurses to get pay boost to help cure staffing shortage
- SentryHealth signs distribution deal with Johns Hopkins HealthCare
- Adventist HealthCare expanding outpatient presence with \$404M hospital
- Nanticoke Health Services to affiliate with Peninsula Regional Health System

NEW JERSEY

- Inspira Health recognized for role in tackling homelessness
- Hackensack Meridian Health funds new technology to reduce hospital-acquired infections
- Struggling hospital gets new name, new future after state OK's \$3M sale to non-profit

PENNSYLVANIA

- Bucks County medical device company launches second knee pain treatment
- Oak Street Health opens seventh Philadelphia-area primary care center
- Penn Medicine starts program to keep workers healthy and save on costs
- As Highmark and UPMC break last ties, will Pennsylvania's attorney general step in?
- Indiana hospital, nurses trade barbs
- Ellwood City hospital workers paid remainder of wages
- Pennsylvania's Nursing Crisis
- Opioid use down for spine surgery patients with new Penn program
- Proposed Pa. medical malpractice lawsuit change raises concerns about venue shopping
- Wilkes-Barre General nurses seek city's support in ongoing contract negotiations
- CHOP opens first food pharmacy for patient families in West Philadelphia
- Hahnemann, St. Christopher's nurses approve 3-year deal
- Stephen Klasko: Hospitals of the future won't look the same
- BioTelemetry agrees to buy California-based medical device company for \$65M
- Is the deck stacked against patients? Fight over medical malpractice lawsuits returns to Pa.
- UPMC, website CEO agree: Hospital price list lacks value
- Pennsylvania health system consolidates spine, orthopedic services under one roof
- Nurses, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital reach tentative deal
- Jefferson to test British company's augmented intelligence technology
- Pennsylvania hospital ends fight for \$5M in Medicare reimbursement

- Temple making leadership changes at health system & hospital
- Conemaugh Health System opens radiation oncology center
- UPMC-Highmark insurance decree to end this year
- Philadelphia International Medicine signs deal with Panama clinic

VIRGINIA

- Richmond, Virginia, has \$500M+ of hospital projects planned or under construction
- Medtronic launches new spinal robot in US, 1st procedures performed in Virginia & Kentucky
- UVa suing over federal hospital rule on Medicare rates
- bill could enforce penalty for threatening healthcare providers: 'Right now the law is silent'
- Virginia bill could enforce penalty for threatening healthcare providers
- Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center Unveils New Rehab Facility
- Lee County picks Ballard to reopen its hospital
- Virginia hospital partners with Ballard Health to reopen

WEST VIRGINIA

- New Medical Center opening in early 2020 in Spring Mills
- New partnership giving West Virginians increased access to healthcare
- WVU Medicine sees service, site expansions
- Council approves hospital board deal
- Valley Health celebrates groundbreaking for new Spring Mills medical building
- CAMC to refinance bonds
- Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital earns CON for ambulatory center
- Princeton Community Hospital Association plans to build \$75K ASC

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Spencer Hospital reopens surgery center after fire
- New director named for Hospice of North Iowa
- U of Iowa Health Care reviews policy on parental access to adolescent health records
- Feds fine county for Country View bed rails
- Encompass Health to build its first hospital in Iowa
- The quiet crisis at Iowa's flagship hospital
- U of Iowa Health Care reviews policy on parental access to adolescent health records

- Hospital board discusses IHA focus
- Sanford Sheldon hospital pricing revealed

KANSAS

- BioNexus KC names new CEO
- AdventHealth to Begin Construction of New Hospital
- Kansas pharmacy pays \$9.5M to settle whistleblower lawsuit
- KU Hospital Joins Medicare Rule Challenge
- Examining two new health care CEOs
- Kansas pharmacy to pay \$9.5 million settlement in fraud case
- Ascension Via Christi has agreement to operate Emergency Room at Fort Scott

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota lawmakers propose \$20 million to fight opioid epidemic
- Beacon Specialized Living Services Expands Into Minnesota
- Rural Minnesota sees more hospitals stop delivering babies
- \$3.1M coming to Minnesota from healthcare settlements
- Renville County Hospital to explore partnerships
- Missouri Telehealth Summit begins Thursday in Jefferson City
- MU Health eyes cuts to boost profits
- Minnesota rural mental health burden addressed by 2019 legislature
- Optum sues former executive over role in Amazon's joint health venture

MISSOURI

- Health Forward's CEO will retire
- Louis center marks 500th heart transplant
- CoxHealth CEO Voted Missouri Hospital Association Board Chair
- Examining two new health care CEOs
- Northland nursing & rehab facility under microscope after scathing federal survey
- Children's Hospital, Wash U Heart Center marks 500th heart transplant
- Looking to slash hospital supply chain costs? Centralizing operations is one way to do it
- SSM Health names new mid-Missouri regional president
- SSM Health hires new St. Mary's Hospital president
- MU Health eyes cuts to boost profits

NEBRASKA

- [Nebraska Research Hospital To Launch MEDITECH EHR Implementation](#)
- [Omaha hospital denies malpractice allegations](#)
- [Timetable, Contents Of Nebraska Medicaid Expansion Still Uncertain](#)
- [Nebraska hospital files complaint against neurosurgeon, plastic surgeon who allege wrongful suspension](#)
- [Omaha hospital denies malpractice allegations](#)
- [Children's Hospital Files Counter Punch](#)

NORTH DAKOTA

- [ND Lawmakers Amend Bill to Support Store-and-Forward Telemedicine](#)
- [Sanford Health closing Fargo metro and region locations due to weather](#)
- [North Dakota children's clinic director wins big award from CDC](#)
- [CHI Mercy Health Employees Recognized for Dedicated Service](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA

- [Noem proposes \\$5 million for nursing home Medicaid in South Dakota](#)
- [South Dakota nursing home leaders warn of 'statewide disaster' without more funding](#)

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- [3 Central Illinois nursing homes, including Westminster, fined by state](#)
- [Blessing Health System challenges Quincy Medical Group's ASC plans](#)
- [Southern IL hospital buys new \\$3M machine for robotic surgery](#)
- [Illinois hospital association to lose longest serving employee](#)
- [Tenet sells 3 hospitals, exits Chicago market](#)
- [Pipeline Health buys West Suburban Medical Center](#)
- [Amita Health names 3 regional leaders, post-acute care officer](#)
- [Advocate Aurora, Oak Street partner on Medicare-focused health center](#)
- [Advocate Aurora joins health care systems in generic-drug venture](#)
- [Loyola University Medical Center Names New President](#)

INDIANA

- [Bauer named IU Health Fort Wayne president](#)
- [Indianapolis-based hospital network looks to add hundreds of new employees](#)
- [Franciscan Alliance Selects Research Administration Director](#)
- [Is a new hospital on the north side necessary? Prove it, Indiana senator says](#)

- Shortage of nurses meets shortage of educators, Indiana industry advocate says
- Lutheran Health Network CEO looking to hire CEO who won't replace him
- Indiana experts: New posting rules fail to help patients understand hospital prices
- Spero Health Names New Indiana Medical Director and Opens First Clinic in Indianapolis
- Vincent jobs uncertain ahead of sale in Indianapolis
- Hospitals Hope to Block New Construction Requirement
- Spero Health Names Medical Director
- Troubled Hacienda Healthcare hands over control to Indiana company
- IU Health Saxony Hospital appoints COO, CMO
- CHS' Lutheran Health Network CEO to give up title in strategic move

KENTUCKY

- Opinion- Kentucky law stifles ambulance competition and hurts emergency care
- Passport's finances being dragged down by \$220M in 'management fees' to Evolent Health
- Kindred CEO Ben Breier on company's changes
- Medtronic launches new spinal robot in US, 1st procedures performed in Virginia & Kentucky
- Larry Benz' Confluent Health takes majority stake in physical therapy practice
- Louisville-area medical device company gets FDA breakthrough designation
- SentryHealth signs distribution deal with Johns Hopkins HealthCare
- Kentucky health plan may be insolvent by mid-2019, CEO says
- BG Internal Medicine planning move to downtown

MICHIGAN

- DMC cardiology residency program under scrutiny months after top leaders step down
- Two DMC hospitals fail follow-up inspections
- Physician group signs deal with health system
- Michigan hospital CEO ousted

OHIO

- Ohio Hospital Knew of Problems and Patients Kept Dying
- University Hospitals fertility clinic faces new lawsuits after tank failures
- After losing Medicaid benefits, Ohio hospital faces 2 options, including ASC conversion
- Ohio Hospital Acknowledges It Waited Too Long To Remove Doctor Who Ordered Excessive Doses Of Opioids That Were Fatal
- Five things you need to know today, and here's Christ Hospital's new boss
- Cleveland Clinic launches affiliation with California organization to advance cardiovascular care

- Akron Children's launches ad campaign
- Expansion project underway at Highland District Hospital
- More staff on leave as hospital reviews deaths, drug doses
- Doc, hospital face 8 wrongful death suits over drug dosages
- Kettering Health Network President Roy Chew to retire
- Minoff Family makes visionary gift to University Hospitals
- UC Health expands patient care in \$22-million expansion
- Greater Cincinnati health care firm details turnaround results
- Genesis HealthCare says it will close 150-bed Marietta Center
- University Hospitals renames Chagrin Highlands facility 'UH Minoff Health Center'
- OhioHealth sees 'short stay' units as cost-saving for patients

WISCONSIN

- Advocate Aurora Health to take full ownership of, rename Wisconsin medical center
- Access HealthNet raising \$1.65 million
- EBSCO Health acquires Wisconsin-based company
- Advocate Aurora joins health care systems in generic-drug venture
- Advocate Aurora Health addresses report Foxconn is reconsidering Wisconsin plans

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Decatur Morgan close to completing \$50 million upgrades
- UAB awarded \$3.25 million grant for HIV research

FLORIDA

- Joseph's Hospital-South names president
- Value of hospital district's portfolio drops \$12.1 million in 2018
- AdventHealth hosts job hiring event to fill 170 Florida nursing positions
- Heart surgery technology developed at Baptist Health debuts after years of secrecy
- AdventHealth Orlando names new CEO
- Provider for autistic children pays \$360K to settle fraud allegations
- Orlando Skilled Nursing Facility, Executives to Pay \$1.5M to Resolve Federal Kickback Allegations
- Cano Health Extends Florida Footprint, Celebrates 25th Location
- Lee Health receiving \$3.7 million for Hurricane Irma-related costs

- [NCH board accepts resignations of CEO Allen Weiss, Chief of Staff Kevin Cooper](#)
- [Ex-Florida hospital director admits role in \\$1B fraud scheme](#)
- [Central Florida Health breaks ground on ER in Wildwood](#)
- [Ex-Florida hospital CEO's decisions should be reviewed, local paper says](#)
- [Tampa General Hospital highlights partnerships amid mixed financial results](#)
- [Ex-CEO gets 46 months in prison for defrauding Florida hospital](#)
- [Florida hospital district loses \\$12.1M on investments](#)
- [Shriners Hospital in Tampa plans to end inpatient care, shed jobs](#)
- [Baptist Health South Florida buys Coral Gables property](#)
- [Citrus Memorial Hospital expands baby delivery and women's care](#)
- [Broward Health taps new CFO](#)

GEORGIA

- [The Jolt: Georgia could model a larger Medicaid program after Indiana's](#)
- [Monroe County Hospital gets second chance with renovations after threats of closing](#)
- [Samsky family pledges \\$11M gift to Piedmont Heart](#)
- [The net cost of Medicaid expansion in Georgia: About \\$200M a year by 2022](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Mississippi Medicaid won't seek midyear infusion of money](#)
- [BCBS of Mississippi to stop paying for care it deems nonemergent](#)
- [Mississippi Medicaid won't seek midyear infusion of money](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Hospital board of directors removes CEO](#)
- [40+ Novant physicians to join Tennessee medical group](#)
- [New president takes helm at Vidant Edgecombe Hospital](#)
- [HCA Healthcare CEO: Mission acquisition will add to company's 'already strong portfolio'](#)
- [North Carolina Department of Health denies 3 out of 5 ASC projects, despite demand](#)
- [Novant Health Brunswick tucks in new sleep center](#)
- [How Nash UNC Health Care addressed a record-high RN vacancy rate](#)
- [SHCS set to launch comprehensive IT platform](#)
- [Elkin hospital earns two awards](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [MUSC wants to spend up to \\$137 million on 4 hospitals](#)

- [Roper Health selects new blood provider](#)
- [South Carolina hospital offers new procedure for patients with kidney disease](#)
- [Hospital sale means loss of tax revenue in Florence County](#)
- [South Carolina system to pay up to \\$137M for 4 CHS hospitals](#)
- [Medical University of South Carolina set \\$137 million price cap for 4-hospital deal with CHS](#)
- [Phishing Attack On Roper St. Francis Healthcare](#)

TENNESSEE

- [Study reveals one driving force behind Nashville's health care deal craze](#)
- [Keith Gray named new chief medical officer for UT Medical Center](#)
- [40+ Novant physicians to join Tennessee medical group](#)
- [‘Nationally renowned’ physicians to lead new cardiac institute](#)
- [Tennessee insurers seek to improve provider data](#)
- [HCA revenues top \\$12.2B, admissions continue to rise](#)
- [HCA's new CEO: There are opportunities for 'sizable acquisitions'](#)
- [HCA Healthcare CEO: Mission acquisition will add to company's 'already strong portfolio'](#)
- [New emergency room readying for mental health patients](#)
- [One man's promise led to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)
- [Spero Health Names New Indiana Medical Director and Opens First Clinic in Indianapolis](#)
- [Erlanger Health System bounces back in second quarter](#)
- [Memphis Clinic Ordered to Pay \\$3.2M On Kickback Allegations](#)
- [Tennessee hospital to close, lay off 146](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- [Baptist Health names new CFO](#)
- [Arkansas mental health provider announces layoffs](#)
- [Report: Hospitals make \\$5.5 billion impact on state](#)
- [Arkansas Surgical Hospital opens new clinic in Conway](#)
- [Director of Arkansas' health insurance marketplace to step down](#)
- [Review Finds More Cases Handled by Impaired Pathologist](#)
- [Focused on affordability, PBMs hold drugmakers accountable for consumers](#)
- [De Queen Medical Center faces financial difficulties](#)

- California Firm Buys Cardinal Health Center for \$7M
- State Medicaid division director moved to new job

ARIZONA

- Abrazo West Campus' new CEO is Christina Oh
- Northern Arizona Healthcare to enact new strategic plan
- Arizona hospital seeks to fill positions ahead of spring opening
- Arizona mental health providers owed millions in claims
- Arizona facility where patient in vegetative state gave birth has history of state protection
- Banner Health taps Dignity executive as CIO
- CMS Approves Arizona Medicaid Community Engagement Requirement
- Troubled Hacienda Healthcare hands over control to Indiana company

LOUISIANA

- Pat Brister announces for 3rd term as St. Tammany Parish president
- Louisiana hospital installs robotic microscope technology for neurosurgery
- University Medical Center begins search for new CEO
- LCMC Health taps market CEO

NEW MEXICO

- Panel adds time frame to New Mexico aid-in-dying bill
- Local hospital one of first to roll out new, innovative procedure
- Aid-in-dying bill builds support in New Mexico Legislature
- WNMU Partners With HMS To Formally Train Community Health Workers
- NMBio taps new president

OKLAHOMA

- Keeling appointed VP at Saint Francis
- Woman Dies Following Assault at Oklahoma City Nursing Center
- Nutex Health Announces Oklahoma ER & Hospital's Grand Opening
- GOP open to Medicaid expansion

TEXAS

- Nonprofit hospitals make lots of profit in D-FW — and don't pay much in taxes
- Two New Benzer Pharmacy Franchises to Fortify Texas Stronghold
- Texas Plans \$320 Million Psychiatric Hospital in San Antonio
- Texas Health Resources to lay off more than 700

- Texas Medical Association covers pressing healthcare issues
- Carrus Hospital planning mental health facility
- Nacogdoches Medical Center NCO retires after 43 years in health care
- Lawsuit alleges age discrimination at Texas Children's Hospital
- Memorial Hermann Katy expands pediatric emergency center hours to 24/7
- Rosanna Morris named chief operating officer at MD Anderson
- Local Surgery Management Company Expands with Colorado Partnership
- Data breach at Texas orthopedic practice impacts 76,000 patients
- Study finds freestanding EDs charge more than urgent care centers
- Parkland Joins National Cooperative to Reduce the Healthcare Divide
- Austin State Hospital redevelopment plans released, await funding
- CHI Texas Division's new COO is Liz Youngblood
- Tenet sells 3 hospitals, exits Chicago market
- Coryell Memorial Hospital files complaint against contractor, insurance company
- Cuero Regional Hospital adds telehealth cardiology consults
- MRI center opens its doors in Waco
- Job cuts at Dallas-Fort Worth hospitals may signal tougher times to come
- California-based Pipeline Health expands in Dallas area, buys 22 stand-alone emergency rooms
- Holmes Murphy Looks to Expand to Houston and Central Texas With Healthcare Exec
- CHI St. Joseph partners with Texas A&M to help rural areas receive better healthcare coverage
- Medistar planning 48-story tower in Med Center
- Texas Children's Hospital Expands Partnership with Omnicell

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Mat-Su Regional expands services, adds local jobs
- Alaska hospital retains Medicare contract after CMS threat to revoke it
- State sues second opioid manufacturer

IDAHO

- New assisted living facility coming to Idaho Falls
- Bill easing licensing rules to address physician shortage headed to the House
- Two join, two promoted at St. Luke's Health Foundation

- Idaho health and welfare agency seeks \$3.2 billion budget
- New Idaho H&W Chief: 'Many people have asked me why I took this job'
- House Health & Welfare approves bill easing pharmaceutical regulations
- Next up in Idaho Medicaid expansion, a ruling from the state Supreme Court
- Saint Alphonsus Health CEO on price transparency: 'We do not view patients as consumers or shoppers'

MONTANA

- Two new unions take strides toward forming at St. James Rocky Mountain Clinic
- Montana lawmakers to take up physician-assisted suicide ban
- After new federal rule, Montana hospitals providing easier access to price information
- Butte nurses union gets closer to finalization
- Peter's Health CEO answers questions, shares progress at community forum

OREGON

- Split in Salem health care industry leads to major insurance changes
- Oregon Health Authority says \$42M in overpayments recovered
- Oregon Could Become the First State to Offer Universal Home Health Visits to New Parents
- Oregon Health Authority says it recovered overpayments to insurance coordinators
- Oregon Legislature 2019: Health care bills are rolling in
- Oregon bill gives consumers ownership of health info
- Oregon lawmakers introduce bill to pay patients for health data
- New COO to join PeaceHealth Oregon in March
- Samaritan Health Services lays off dozens of Oregon home health, hospice workers

WASHINGTON

- Seattle start-up is building the Amazon Prime of primary care with \$86 million in backing from Larry Fink and other big names
- Seattle startup raises cash for app that gives patients control of their medical records

WYOMING

- Castle Rock Hospital District Castle Rock Medical Center starts off strong
- Banner Health Invests \$60,000 for EWC Nursing Program
- Bill would put work requirements on some Medicaid recipients

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Zuckerberg hospital slashes \$20,243 ER bill to \$200 after media coverage

- [Barton Health nurses grant labor negotiators authority to call for strike](#)
- [Sonoma Valley Hospital facing national, local financial challenges](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic launches affiliation with California organization to advance cardiovascular care](#)
- [2 California hospitals face closure if sale delayed](#)
- [Transparent Hospital Pricing Exposes Wild Fluctuation, Even Within Miles](#)
- [BioTelemetry agrees to buy California-based medical device company for \\$65M](#)
- [California hospital revenue, profitability rose under ACA, Medicaid expansion](#)
- [Riverside Community Hospital's president will retire in April after 9 years](#)
- [Pipeline Health buys West Suburban Medical Center](#)
- [UnitedHealth faces \\$91M fine after California supreme court lets ruling stand](#)
- [California Attorney General And Santa Clara County Face Off Over Sale Of Two Hospitals](#)
- [California Hospital Medical Center begins \\$215M expansion](#)
- [Rural California hospital 'defying gravity' as it changes strategy to survive](#)
- [California-based Pipeline Health expands in Dallas area, buys 22 stand-alone emergency rooms](#)
- [South Okanagan town wants answers to emergency room staffing issues](#)
- [LA Care awards \\$3.6M for physician recruitment](#)
- [The Latest: California hospital denies dumping patient](#)
- [Board fires California hospital CEO months after renewing contract](#)

COLORADO

- [Denver-based DispatchHealth expands high-acuity home care service](#)
- [New Colorado Plains Medical Center CEO gives first report to Fort Morgan Community Hospital Association](#)
- [Local Surgery Management Company Expands with Colorado Partnership](#)
- [As the overdose epidemic in Colorado continues, hospitals are taking a new step to dramatically reduce opioid prescriptions](#)
- [State looks to expand opioid treatment centers, but not in Southwest Colorado](#)
- [Mercy Regional Medical Center eliminates management positions](#)
- [Colorado hospital uses 'virtual sitters' to prevent patient falls](#)
- [New medical building to open](#)

HAWAII

- [Simple HER tool creates 3 benefits for Queen's Health Systems](#)

NEVADA

- [Emergency room off Las Vegas Strip makes waves with new business model](#)
- [Las Vegas hospital ordered to pay nearly \\$43M to family of dead woman](#)

- Centennial Hospital in Las Vegas expanding with 5-story tower
- Dignity Health awards more than \$350K to 8 local organizations
- New NICU opens at Mountain View hospital

UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare and startup MDClone launch data-focused collaboration
- Alta View Hospital Campus Expansion Grand Opening
- Patients move to the new Pedersen Patient Tower at Utah Valley Hospital
- Steward Health Care selects president of Utah region
- Utah Outpacing Nation in Health Care Innovation, Cambia Grove Report Finds