

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - FEBRUARY 8, 2019

### NATIONAL

- How to make healthcare more like Amazon? It comes down to data and payer-provider collaboration
- How hospitals will handle outpatient competition & disruption in 2019
- White House reportedly reviewing final rule to reverse nursing home arbitration ban
- CMS Lifts Moratoria on Home Health After 5 Years
- Amazon's PillPack secures more state licenses, could be eyeing national rollout
- Slack is setting itself up for the \$3.5 trillion health-care sector
- Hospitals sparked industry job growth in January
- Trump administration to eliminate safe harbors for drug rebates to PBMs
- Mitt Romney to hold closed-door meeting with pharma CEOs
- Amazon-led health venture hires technology chief to work under Gawande
- Rural hospitals face growing sustainability threats on multiple fronts, AHA says
- Trump's State of the Union address: 3 healthcare takeaways
- Only 33% of healthcare quality professionals say all staff is trained on quality
- Zurik: HHS Secretary says 'revolutionary' changes to come for drug prices
- AMGA: Full MACRA Implementation Needed to Advance Value-Based Care
- AHA: 19 persistent, recent, emergent challenges in rural hospitals
- Google might be building an EHR: 4 notes
- AMGA calls on Congress to end MIPS exclusions
- Joint Commission launches new "Step Up" campaign to prevent infection

### NORTHEAST

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

#### **CONNECTICUT**

- Hospital tax poses challenge for first Lamont budget
- 3 lessons from UConn Health's journey to patient-centric billing
- of St. Joseph gets \$64,000 grant for biomedical research

#### **MAINE**

- Mayo Regional Hospital to close primary care office

- Maine health system struggles with EMS worker shortage
- Maine hospital owes at least \$8M to 878 creditors
- Lincoln hospital will keep operating despite \$10M in debts
- Rural hospitals face many challenges in Maine and across the country
- Bill calls for 4 mental health centers to be alternative to emergency rooms
- Patients group wants new owners for troubled Maine hospital

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Baystate Health's plan for new psychiatric hospital raises questions, hopes
- Partners Healthcare reports \$463M loss in Q1
- With CEO's exit, Partners HealthCare faces crucial decisions
- Baystate Health to build new mental health hospital; no site chosen yet
- With CEO's exit, Partners HealthCare faces crucial decisions
- Cape Cod Hospital joins oncology collaborative
- CEO Dr. David Torchiana's abrupt exit leaves Partners at crossroads
- Nurses move forward with union, prepare to negotiate at St. Luke's
- Walgreens pays nearly \$2M to settle claims with MassHealth
- Massachusetts nurses union vote upheld

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Frisbie Hospital touts benefits of joining HCA
- New Hampshire hospital installs 7D Surgical spinal platform
- Elliot Health System taps COO
- Elliot's new COO is a familiar face
- DHHS to reconsider York Hospital rehab center's approval
- Former DHMC executive intern Valley Regional CEO
- Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont names interim CEO

## NEW YORK

- Annum Health abruptly ends operations
- How Mount Sinai Health System is reducing long-term IT costs
- New York HIEs merge to double down on data sharing
- Hospital for Special Surgery leads U.S. sports safety efforts
- Schenectady hospital proposes building \$1.4 million pharmacy
- New York-Presbyterian earns prestigious nursing award

- [HealtheConnections, HealthlinkNY make plans to combine](#)
- [Buffalo nursing home's owners have record of problems](#)
- [Massena Memorial Hospital physicians asking for more involvement in affiliation process](#)
- [NY to invest \\$204M on 95 health care projects](#)
- [Englewood Health raises minimum wage to \\$15](#)
- [Clifton-Fine Hospital drops 'interim' from CEO Dierdra Sorrell's title](#)
- [South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside appoints Long Beach resident as chief nursing officer](#)
- [Hudson Valley health care providers getting \\$24M in state aid](#)
- [Syracuse hospital moving 73 jobs to the Midwest](#)
- [Massena Memorial Hospital not among healthcare facilities receiving grant funding](#)
- [NewYork-Presbyterian working on machine learning analytics to combat opioid crisis](#)
- [New York hospital mishandled complaints about physician, CMS finds](#)

## RHODE ISLAND

- [Rhode Island has regulations to curb the cost of health care — and they work](#)
- [Southcoast Health opens Middletown urgent care center](#)
- [Rhode Island governor's order seeks to rein in healthcare costs](#)

## VERMONT

- [John Powell: UVM Health Network is a national leader in new model](#)
- [UVM Medical Center studying effectiveness of opioid treatment in ER](#)
- [Vermont health system cuts jobs, wages to stay afloat](#)
- [Springfield Hospital sheds 27 positions as cost-cutting begins](#)
- [State gives \\$800,000 to struggling Springfield Hospital](#)
- [SVMC laboratory re-accredited](#)
- [Greenway to Pay \\$57.25M for False EHR Certification Allegations](#)

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- [This is why Nanticoke is affiliating with a Salisbury health system](#)
- [Nanticoke Health Services plans to join Peninsula Regional Health System](#)
- [Delaware continues focus on trauma-informed practices](#)
- [Bayhealth Sussex Campus in Milford will open on Feb. 5](#)
- [Christiana Care to take space at Avenue North complex](#)

- Bayhealth Sussex opens, Milford Memorial closes

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- MedStar calls on lawmakers to make EHR usability a priority
- Providence wants urgent care center for DC campus
- MBRE Healthcare Opens East Coast Regional Office in Washington, D.C. Area
- Providence cuts causing 'dramatic increase' in MedStar Washington Hospital Center volume

## MARYLAND

- ACA suit that also challenged Whitaker is dismissed
- Maryland upgrades prescription drug monitoring platform
- Nanticoke Health Services plans to join Peninsula Regional Health System
- Anne Arundel Medical Center moves toward cardio-informed women's care
- The value of physician builders + compensation models: Q&A with Peninsula Regional Medical Center CMIO Dr. Mark Weisman
- Baltimore Washington Medical Center turns major surgery for silent killer into needle pricks
- New All-Private Room Hospital To Open In White Oak On Aug. 25
- UMB, Partners Launch Mobile Integrated Health – Community Paramedicine Program

## NEW JERSEY

- Camden program to cut hospital readmissions gains national attention
- Bergen Hospital Employees To Reap Benefit Of \$15 Minimum Wage
- CHS sells New Jersey hospital
- Inspira Health Mullica Hill cancer center celebrates topping-off
- Lord Abbett gifts \$1M to Jersey City Medical Center for new maternity wing
- Hackensack Meridian's Miller appointed to American Hospital Association post

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Commission OKs new Penn State Health hospital on West Shore
- Despite investment hit at end of 2018, Allegheny Health Network results continue to improve
- Pennsylvania nurses approve labor deal, avert February strike
- Allegheny Health Network reports \$3.3B in operating revenue, up 6.9% from 2017
- Suburban Philly organization sets cancer guidelines used by doctors all over the world
- Penn Medicine shortens ICU stays with real-time data
- Opinions split on whether nursing-ratio mandate would improve care
- Some Easton Hospital patients may get compensated for data breach
- Hampden Township Commissioners approve Penn State Health's land development plan

- Somerset Hospital officially named UPMC Somerset
- Penn State Health's acute care hospital gets final township approval
- Health center operator DVCH names new CEO
- Ellwood City Medical Center workers paid
- Washington Hospital Workers Ratify New Union Contract
- LVHN to build hospital, medical offices in Lower Nazareth
- Ellwood hospital could be looking at health department probe
- Holy Redeemer and Prepared Health Partner to Connect Health System, Align Post-Acute Network
- Pennsylvania medical center denies claims CEO was fired over race, age
- Glen Mills health business pays \$17M to settle fed false claims case
- Washington Hospital service employees ratify new three-year contract
- Not all happy with Ellwood City Medical Center self-insurance plan
- attorney general targets access, cost issues related to Highmark-UPMC divorce
- Readers React: St. Luke's University Health Network maintains strong presence in Coal Country
- Pennsylvania medical center may face probe over biological waste storage
- Trinity Health announces changes to IT services, revenue cycle operations
- Tower Health adds Pediatric ER to Reading Hospital
- Trinity Health restructuring to affect nearly 200 Philadelphia-area jobs
- Pennsylvania to probe how Highmark-UPMC split will affect consumers

## **VIRGINIA**

- WMC leader honored by the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
- Bill would legalize 'medical aid in dying' in Virginia
- UVA Medical Center receives national recognition
- With Medicaid expansion, Danville hospital hopes to reduce amount of uncompensated care
- Healthcare Real Estate Firm Opens East Coast Regional Office In Northern Virginia
- Increased number of Virginia hospitals facing financial distress
- Mayo Clinic and Leidos announce strategic collaboration

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- West Virginia doctor will pay \$200K for health care fraud
- WV Supreme Court justices hear issue in WVU Hospitals records cost case
- Questions surround the fate of Hopemont Hospital

## **CENTRAL**

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

## IOWA

- Campaign aims to advance UnityPoint Health Birthing Center
- Leah Glasgo is new CEO at UnityPoint Health — Fort Dodge
- Mercy Health Network transitions to new MercyOne name
- Prices revealed for N'West Iowa hospitals
- New Maternity Wing Opens at Methodist West Hospital
- Encompass Health to build new hospital in Iowa
- MercyOne CEO Bob Ritz talks about health care and hospital name change

## KANSAS

- EmpowerHMS health care facilities reportedly struggling nationwide
- Physician-owned hospital in Kansas takes on minority owner, looks to expand
- Kansas hospital leader reports missed payroll
- CEO is confident struggling Horton hospital will stay open
- EmpowerHMS misses payroll at Northeast Kansas hospital
- Hillsboro hospital owner to appeal receivership decision

## MINNESOTA

- No room in the hospital? St. Luke's, Essentia go to great lengths to have enough space
- RiverView Health plans to build new hospital in Crookston
- Hennepin Healthcare CEO Jon Pryor to resign
- For sale: 10-acre Shriners Hospital complex overlooking Mississippi River
- Despite cuts at hospitals, Minnesota still delivers on rural obstetrics
- New CEO takes the helm at Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic
- Mayo Clinic and Leidos announce strategic collaboration
- Mayo Clinic's \$8M pharmacy will not service the public
- Proposal to allow secret 'granny cams' moves forward at the Capitol

## MISSOURI

- SSM Health taps new CIO
- Nevada Regional Medical Center applies to be filed as a "sole community hospital"
- Louis Children's Hospital completes 4,000th SDR spinal surgery
- Fulton hospital changes management
- Ascension SVP Tim Adams: The shift to 'everywhere' care and the future of American healthcare



## NEBRASKA

- Editorial: UNMC plays a pivotal role in addressing Nebraska's rural health needs
- Former employee pleads guilty to defrauding Omaha hospital
- Omaha woman pleads guilty to defrauding Children's Hospital of \$4.6M
- DEA investigating Omaha pain management clinic

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health offers innovative TAVR heart procedure
- JPMC among top rural hospitals in North Dakota

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- Custer doctor named president of medical organization
- Mental health pod slated for 2019
- Helmsley grant aims to help with mental health issues West River

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush completes newest center
- Blessing Hospital, Quincy Medical Group debate new surgical center
- Samantha Handley, new Trilogy Behavioral Healthcare CEO
- Schwanke named interim CEO at RCH
- Horizon Health opens EZ Care Clinic in Marshall, IL
- Pharma company files for bankruptcy after backlash over price hikes
- Rochelle Community Hospital appoints interim CEO
- Sinai Health System taps Presence Health executive as COO

## INDIANA

- NWI health care on the cutting edge
- DCH Sleep Disorders Center receives accreditation
- New Community East Hospital has comfy touches, from wood accents to Apple TVs
- Carmel-based Olio launches health care communications platform nationally
- IU Med School Hits Record NIH Funding
- Spero Health Opens 2nd Indiana Location in Jeffersonville
- Medical procedure prices around Indiana show broad contrasts
- Georgia Woman Wins \$3M Verdict Against Cook Medical

- [Lilly Returns to Profit](#)
- [Rehab Medical Merges With Wound Care Company](#)
- [\\$175M Community Health Project Hits Milestone](#)

## KENTUCKY

- [Kentucky delays start time for some new Medicaid rules](#)
- [Health Poll: 24% of KY adults don't use regular doctor](#)
- [Passport Health mum about cost-cutting steps as losses mount](#)
- [SentryHealth Names Steven Sablan as Chief Operating Officer](#)
- [Lucina Health names new chief financial officer](#)
- [Kentucky orthopedic center launches data-analysis injury prevention program for athletes](#)
- [Elizabeth seeks to prevent sports injuries via data analysis](#)
- [Passport, Kentucky officials to meet about Medicaid rate dispute](#)
- [Spero Health Opens 2nd Indiana Location in Jeffersonville](#)
- [Passport Health Plan has a new president](#)
- [Humana 4Q earnings top expectations](#)
- [Bluegrass Pain Consultants to close its last office](#)
- [Baptist Healthcare profitable despite \\$42M loss in physician group, investment losses](#)

## MICHIGAN

- [How Bronson Hospital is changing the stigma of hospital food](#)
- [Michigan Moves to Intervene in Federal ACA Case](#)
- [Demand for high-tech health help grows during cold stretch](#)
- [Change Ups: Spectrum Health appoints diversity officer](#)
- [Michigan hospital opens on-site grocery store](#)
- [New maternity center opens for patients in Mid-Michigan](#)
- [Beaumont Health looks to hire laid-off salaried GM workers](#)

## OHIO

- [Ohio hospital system could lose Medicare funding over deaths](#)
- [Operating in 'growth-mode': The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center CIO Phyllis Teater answers 3Qs on IT budgeting](#)
- [University Hospital renames outpatient facility](#)
- [Cradle Cincinnati, Good Sam awarded \\$5M grant to help combat infant mortality rates](#)
- [Graceworks' new CEO hopes to continue expanding home care, disability services](#)
- [Dayton Children's expands services closer to home for Miami County residents](#)



- Hospice unit set to open at Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center
- Greater Cincinnati hospital to build \$35M cancer center
- Ohio to rebid costly private Medicaid contracts
- University Hospitals, Kent State Address Nursing Shortage in Northeast Ohio Through New Nursing Education Program
- Dayton Children's Hospital opens multispecialty outpatient center
- TriHealth, Beacon Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine become Cincinnati's largest orthopedic care providers with new facility
- Mercy Health Eyes Growth Beyond Hospital Walls
- Elizabeth seeks to prevent sports injuries via data analysis
- Google parent company looking to partner on opioid rehab campus in Ohio
- Cardinal Health profit falls 73% in latest quarter
- Catholic group with ownership stake in Premier completes mega-merger
- Cleveland fertility clinic's 2018 loss of thousands of eggs, embryos spurs new protocols locally, nationwide
- Fisher-Titus CEO to step down

## **WISCONSIN**

- Advocate Aurora stands by \$250M Wisconsin expansion despite Foxconn changes
- Ashland Health and Rehabilitation has new owner
- Aurora clinic building in St. Francis sold for \$13.3 million
- Wisconsin hospital was in 'immediate jeopardy' after 2016 patient suicide
- Hospital workers, shaken by murder, say parking garage danger ignored. FBI figures confirm the risk.
- Despite Foxconn news, Advocate still plans to spend \$250 million on new Wisconsin hospital, medical offices
- Four Atrium Health senior living homes will close. Some residents got a day's notice.
- Feds warn 180 Wisconsin health care professionals about overprescribing opiates
- Gundersen Health System names new CFO

## **SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

### **ALABAMA**

- UAB CEO hopes MedWest Hospital move could pave way for psychiatric facility
- Alabama hospital execs make case for Medicaid expansion
- Decatur Morgan Hospital gets major renovation

### **FLORIDA**

- Florida orthopedic-focused hospital transitions to outpatient care
- Feds threaten to cut funds to Florida children's hospital

- House bill would allow Halifax Health to operate hospital in Deltona
- Partners no more: USF med school and St. Petersburg's largest hospital announce a breakup
- Thousands of Florida doctors, dentists skip required opioid training
- Interim CEO of NCH Healthcare System on right track, observers say
- Clearwater doctor sentenced to six months for health care fraud
- Interim CEO of Florida hospital seeks to re-examine controversial admissions policy
- Shriners Hospital shifts focus in Tampa, will no longer have inpatient care
- Lake County eye doctors agree to \$157K payment to settle Medicare billing allegations
- Regional General Hospital has payroll issues, says former employees
- Philip Minden Named New President Of St. Joseph's Hospital-South
- Mayo Clinic and Leidos announce strategic collaboration
- Doctor, nursing facility under fire for kickback scheme
- Johns Hopkins All Children's has 3 weeks to correct safety lapses or lose Medicare funding

## GEORGIA

- Lee officials: CON extension 'routine'
- Piedmont Fayette Hospital plans expansion, starting with new parking lot
- Georgia House introduces bill to exempt integrated ASCs from CON requirements
- Nurse, Georgia hospital settle discrimination lawsuit
- Northeast Georgia Medical Center continues to expand residency program
- North Georgia hospital to pay \$5 million to resolve alleged False Claims Act violations
- Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital to seek trauma center designation
- Northeast Georgia Health System to open ER, then build new hospital in Lumpkin
- Georgia hospital to reopen in July

## MISSISSIPPI

- Illinois medical equipment maker expanding in Mississippi
- Hattiesburg Clinic, UMMC announce electronic health records partnership
- Mississippi lawmakers dodge action on surprise billing remedy

## NORTH CAROLINA

- HCA completes purchase of Mission Health
- Troubled Raleigh nursing home faces new state, federal investigations
- Contracts Awarded to 5 for N Carolina Medicaid Managed Care
- HCA to pay \$15M in property taxes in North Carolina after Mission Health deal

- [Contracts awarded to 5 for NC Medicaid managed care](#)
- [Novant planning Ballantyne hospital](#)
- [UNC Lenoir Health Care Names Jay Dennard as CEO](#)
- [Atrium Health Invests More Than \\$19 Million In Over 15,000 Teammates; Nursing and nursing support staff will benefit most from pay increase](#)
- [Federal judge dismisses whistleblower's complaint against two N.C. health-care systems](#)

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- [Businessman give \\$5 million gift to children's heart center](#)
- [New robot at Roper Hospital on cutting edge of surgical technology](#)
- [After MUSC opens new children's hospital in October, leaders plan to replace main hospital](#)
- [Roper St. Francis, Valley Professionals Phishing Attacks Breach Patient Data](#)
- [Charleston businessman donates \\$5M to MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital](#)
- [Nancy Mace: South Carolina's certificate of need law hurts health care industry and consumers](#)
- [SC lawmakers file bill to repeal complex health regulations called Certificate of Need](#)
- [South Carolina healthcare providers alert patients about 'split billing'](#)
- [Health providers battle for bid to build new York County hospital](#)
- [Grand Strand Health breaks ground on new medical office building](#)

## **TENNESSEE**

- [Health care CEO: 'I'm going to cheat. Don't tell anyone.'](#)
- [Provider wins False Claims decision, now must face claims that it retaliated against whistleblower](#)
- [HCA completes purchase of Mission Health](#)
- [Thanks to donations, East Tennessee Children's Hospital unveils new ICU ambulance](#)
- [Health-tech firm moves HQ to downtown Nashville, expects to double staff](#)
- [nurse charged with homicide, patient abuse](#)
- [New urgent care facility to open in East Nashville](#)
- [Community Health Systems Reaches Settlement over 2014 Breach of 4.5M](#)
- [HCA to pay \\$15M in property taxes in North Carolina after Mission Health deal](#)
- [HealthStream hires former HealthLeaders CEO](#)
- [Laboratory settles claims of doctor kickbacks for \\$63M](#)
- [Tennessee hospital receives court oversight amid financial troubles](#)
- [Satellite Healthcare agrees to pay \\$3.2 million to settle anti-kickback charges](#)
- [Skilled nursing company to pay nearly \\$10M to settle False Claims allegations](#)

- HCA Healthcare grows outpatient cases 3.2% in 2018 & more
- Tristar Skyline Medical Center to undergo expansion project
- Former Vanderbilt nurse indicted on reckless homicide charge after fatal medication error
- TriStar Centennial names COO for women's, children's division
- Public hearing today on Ballad Health annual report
- Erlanger breeding culture of distrust among staff, physicians allege

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARKANSAS**

- CHI St. Vincent launches online heart health tool
- Calling the Shots: New CEOs Take the Reins of Arkansas Health Care Organizations
- Mainline Health Systems Officially Opens Clinic
- Mercy Northwest Arkansas promotes 2 in operations

### **ARIZONA**

- Arizona bill would add more state regulation to facility where patient was raped
- National Partners In Healthcare acquires Anesthesia Resources
- Arizona Clinical Nurse Specialists one step closer to prescribing authority
- Anchor Health Properties enters Phoenix market through outpatient medical center investment
- Arizona bill hopes to improve insurance coverage of telemedicine

### **LOUISIANA**

- Baton Rouge pediatric clinic closes, health department to move patients to other providers
- LSU garners \$11.5M grant to establish Louisiana pulmonary research center
- Shreveport trauma surgeon found guilty of stealing social security benefits
- Louisiana Medicaid misspending sparks probe for national issues
- Five Louisiana health centers to split multi-million dollar grant
- Louisiana Medicaid misspending sparks probe for national issues

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Texas company buys building for new medical office
- Presbyterian receives \$1.79M gift, expands services
- New Mexico may open Medicaid to paying customers
- New Mexico bill mimics Obamacare consumer protections

### **OKLAHOMA**

- Health care must be part of legislative focus
- Oklahoma nursing homes push for more funding, promise better quality
- Financial struggles continue for Prague Community Hospital
- MHTC out of compliance with federal regulations
- Oklahoma hospital misses payroll for 2nd time
- Oklahoma hospital could lose Medicare funding
- Memorial Hospital of Texas County Doesn't Meet Requirements for Medicare, Medicaid Accreditation

## TEXAS

- CHI Texas Division, Baylor St. Luke's appoint more C-level execs
- University of Texas Health pays \$2.4M to resolve allegations its center misused NIH funds
- Two Texas physicians sentenced in \$29M Medicare fraud cases
- Navarro Regional Hospital names new CEO
- Healthcare field flourishing in East Texas, nationwide trend
- Medical City Fort Worth's new CFO is Andrew Lane
- How to Prepare for Texas' New Maternal Care Levels
- Texas Tech 'teletrauma' technology to help trauma patients in rural communities
- Pathology lab strikes \$63M deal in physician kickback case
- National Partners In Healthcare acquires Anesthesia Resources
- Texarkana hospital earns new accreditation
- Memorial Hermann, Baylor Scott & White merger off
- UTHHealth pays \$2.4 million for misappropriated federal funding
- Pipeline Health buys 22 freestanding ERs
- Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center appoints CEO
- Job cuts at Children's Health among more than 630 new layoffs in Dallas-Fort Worth
- Tenet extends contract with Cerner
- Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital selects interim CEO

## NORTHWEST

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

## ALASKA

- Inspectors fault practices at Alaska Psychiatric Institute
- Federal investigators found more 'substantial deficiencies' at API than at any other US hospital last year
- Legislators revive bills to abolish certificate of need program

- State wrestles with sizeable backlog of Medicaid applications
- Petersburg Medical Center CFO to depart

## IDAHO

- Idaho Supreme Court upholds Medicaid expansion
- Knox dissolution does not signal end of Valor Health
- Layoffs coming at Saint Alphonsus hospital system in the Treasure Valley

## MONTANA

- Health care clinic in Helena aims to provide fast, affordable care
- Cardiologist, Bozeman Health drop lawsuit during trial
- Montana Lawmakers Consider New Regulations To Curb Prescription Drug Prices
- Peter's Health CEO answers questions and shares hospital's progress
- Missoula's fight against the opioid epidemic

## OREGON

- Asante selects CEO
- Nurx Expands to Oregon, Leveraging Telemedicine to Provide Affordable and Convenient Healthcare
- Behavioral health clinics urge Oregon delegation to extend funding
- PeaceHealth names new COO for Oregon region
- Providence St. Joseph Health launches pop health startup

## WASHINGTON

- Providence St. Joseph Health launches for-profit company
- Magnolia Medical nets \$20M for its blood sample isolation system
- Washington State Lawmakers to Debate 4 Separate Telehealth Bills
- Providence hospital seeks to add urgent care to scaled-back campus
- 150-bed hospital proposed for UW
- Committee hears support for new teaching hospital at UW
- Virginia Mason's Gary Kaplan: 19 years of inviting disruption
- Seattle health care prediction startup KenSci raises \$22 million
- How Providence St. Joseph Health plans to bring more consistency to IT & pricing: CIO B.J. Moore shares insights

## WYOMING

- Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County outlines its budget process
- Bill seeks to clarify hospital privacy regulations
- In New Report on Rural Hospitals, Mountain West Looks Troubled



- [Hospital Announces New Chief Operating Officer](#)
- [Wyoming Medicaid expansion bill passes committee](#)
- [Wyoming Seeks to Repeal Hospital Privacy Regulation for HIPAA Clarity](#)
- [Campbell County Health names COO](#)

## **WEST**

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

### **CALIFORNIA**

- [Stanford Health Care CIO Eric Yablonka: Navigating the IT budget after opening a new facility](#)
- [Task Force Outlines Strategy To Address California's Shortfall Of Health Workers](#)
- [Sutter elevates population health with c-suite role](#)
- [Hospital unionization effort falls short in California](#)
- [Commission says patching up California's health workforce would cost \\$3 billion](#)
- [Californians don't have enough doctors. Here's how to fix that by 2030, panel says](#)
- [Denver, California hospital chains complete merger](#)
- [Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center appoints CFO](#)
- [California's first accredited emergency room created for seniors](#)
- [Judge rejects attorney general's attempt to block sale of 2 California hospitals](#)
- [California hospitals record higher profits under Medicaid expansion, study finds](#)
- [Pipeline Health buys 22 freestanding ERs](#)
- [California attorney general requests emergency order to halt sale of 2 hospitals](#)
- [Nurses at California community hospital give strike OK](#)
- [Independent California hospital lays off 10-15 employees, paper reports](#)
- [Barton Health taps CFO, CMO](#)
- [California fines 5 hospitals \\$250K+ for patient safety issues](#)

### **COLORADO**

- [Vail Health CEO: Partnerships essential for future success](#)
- [Colorado House Sends Hospital Transparency Bill To Senate](#)
- [Colorado downgrades Clear View Behavioral Health's license amid Contact7 investigation](#)
- [Colorado lawmakers bring back bill to help insurance companies cover high-cost health claims](#)
- [Colorado advances bill to import cheaper prescription drugs](#)
- [Denver, California hospital chains complete merger](#)
- [Colorado hospitals didn't pass billions in savings to consumers, state report finds](#)

- [UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital announces new president](#)
- [Kaiser Permanente lays off nearly 200 in Colorado](#)

## HAWAII

- [The Queen's Medical Center-West to be renovated](#)
- [Hawaii medical center adds spine, orthopedics program](#)

## NEVADA

- [Nevada Assemblyman Sprinkle to take another shot at Medicaid buy-in law](#)
- [Northern Nevada Medical Center Breaks Ground on Freestanding Emergency Department in Northwest Reno to Serve Community](#)
- [Northern Nevada's first-ever freestanding ER coming to Northwest Reno](#)
- [Rural Nevada hospital exec guilty of opioid charges](#)
- [Why Renown Health is on a mission to collect Nevadans' genetic info](#)

## UTAH

- [Hospital renews trauma center designation](#)
- [Cache Valley Hospital names new Chief Medical Officer](#)
- [Utah Senate approves rewrite of Medicaid expansion plan](#)
- [Health technology startup is hiring for over 60 jobs, planning to move to new location in Salt Lake City](#)
- [Report highlights health disparities in Utah](#)