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NATIONAL

- Judy Faulkner asked the press to dig into physician burnout and EHR satisfaction. So we did
- Nearly all hospital leaders say supply chain optimization improves margins, survey shows
- Amazon to close pop-ups as its healthcare venture site debuts
- Report: FDA hiding millions of adverse event reports from docs, public
- Critical condition: The crisis of rural medical care
- Top 7 health systems leading transformation, according to 300+ hospital leaders
- NIH cancer chief to serve as acting FDA commissioner
- Antitrust chairman wants to change how FTC probes hospital deals, nonprofit status
- Most Trump Medicare cuts would affect health providers — not seniors, analysis shows
- Nonprofit hospital can provide free in-home care despite anti-kickback rules, OIG says
- Everything we know about Haven, the Amazon joint venture to revamp health care
- The top financial pressures facing healthcare organizations: 5 leaders discuss
- CMS updates drug dashboards to increase transparency
- Physicians alliance releases plan to end surprise medical bills
- Amazon-Berkshire-JPMorgan's Haven may be forming clinically integrated network
- Trump's 2020 budget: 5 must-read stories for healthcare leaders
- Nonprofit hospital can provide free in-home care despite anti-kickback rules, OIG says

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Med Tech Pays \$467,000 to Settle False Claims Act Allegations
- Western Connecticut Medical Group Names New Chief Admin Officer
- Medicare cuts payments to 15 Connecticut hospitals for high infection rates, injuries

MAINE

- Maine Medical Center plans \$59 million medical office building in Scarborough
- Feds withhold payments from 4 Maine hospitals
- New president of Maine Med says hospitals can't go it alone

- [Here's how federal CMS rates Maine's 34 hospitals for quality](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Anna Jaques announces \\$7M expansion](#)
- [South Shore health facilities fight over name](#)
- [Anne Roper named CEO of Fairlawn Rehab](#)
- [Why nursing homes are closing across Massachusetts](#)
- [7 nursing homes settle with state over unsafe conditions](#)
- [Massachusetts hospital notifies 6,300 patients of vendor data breach](#)
- [Baystate Health leaders guilty of attempted union-busting, NLRB finds](#)
- [Partners HealthCare adds state's prescription monitoring tool to HER](#)
- [3 Massachusetts hospitals transition to Meditech HER](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Gauging critical access hospital protections](#)
- [NH's Hub and Spoke system: Traction or just spinning wheels?](#)
- [NH tries to cope with shortage of psychiatrists](#)

NEW YORK

- [Audit: Bad billing system costs Glens Falls Hospital \\$38 million in revenue](#)
- [New York City RNs authorize strike affecting 3 health systems, 10,000 nurses](#)
- [Eastern Niagara Hospital receives private accreditation](#)
- [Nurses petition Olean General Hospital to fix 'staffing crisis'](#)
- [Olean General Hospital, nurses square off over staffing](#)
- [Thousands Of NYC Nurses Could Soon Be Going On Strike](#)
- [New York hospital unable to collect \\$38M due to billing system problems](#)
- [New York hospital plans \\$2B campus revamp](#)
- [Dozens of clinical trials on-going in Rochester](#)
- [Wyoming County Community Hospital turning emergency department into outpatient orthopedic clinic](#)
- [New York hospitals push back against governor's proposed \\$657M Medicaid cuts](#)
- [New York physician admits to orchestrating \\$16M false billing scheme](#)
- [New York City announces \\$1.7 million geriatric mental health expansion](#)
- [Catholic Health Services of Long Island names chief marketing officer](#)

RHODE ISLAND

- [2 R.I. hospitals earn top rating from CMS](#)

- Kwiatkowski to relinquish CEO role at CareLink, remain CEO of PACE RI, as organizations grow
- R.I. communities expand opioid lawsuits to include CVS, other drugstore chains
- Rhode Island Hospital receives \$1.6M to study opioid treatment and care at pharmacies
- Kent Hospital recruiting nurses

VERMONT

- UVM Medical Center union approves contract
- Springfield Hospital cited for mental health treatment
- 8 Vermont hospitals report negative operating margins in FY 2018, review shows

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Christiana Care joins nonprofit that aims to improve access to affordable generic drugs
- Delaware Healthcare Association launches pilot to improve patient transfers
- Online info and collaboration speed service at local VA centers
- Delaware Hospice opens new office in Dover

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- D.C. drops its suit against Providence hospital
- D.C. Will Not Pursue Lawsuit Against Providence Hospital Over Planned Closure
- DC ambulance crews will start denying rides to hospitals for some patients

MARYLAND

- New program at University of Maryland St. Joseph's Medical Center shows effectiveness in curbing readmissions
- Opinion: Hospital bill is just what the doctor ordered
- Johns Hopkins Continues Fight For Its Own Police Force
- Meeting tonight to talk hospital legislation
- University of Maryland Medical System pays members of volunteer board hundreds of thousands in business deals

NEW JERSEY

- Newark Hospital Gets 5-Star Rating From Federal Agency
- Medical society reacts to potential marijuana legislation in NJ

PENNSYLVANIA

- Former UPMC employee pleads guilty to criminal HIPAA violation
- Pennsylvania hospitals test new funding model to help with ongoing struggles
- Penn Medicine taking over home health, hospice services

- New CEO fired at Hahnemann and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, two months into the job
- Under Penn, Jefferson's shadow, can Temple Health, a de facto public hospital, ever catch a break?
- Temple University Health seeks long-term financial stability
- Penn Medicine opens \$10M spine center
- Cancer center, suburban detox unit are among hospital projects seeking state funding
- Lower Bucks Hospital announces additions to leadership team
- Geisinger, Highmark to build Pennsylvania hospital
- Tower Health Urgent Care receives accreditation
- Tower Health strikes a deal with region's largest group of private practice docs
- UPMC To Start Construction Of New Vision And Rehab Hospital

VIRGINIA

- UVA Children's Hospital Introduces Technology to Monitor NICU Patients, Even After Release
- Stafford Hospital marks 10 years as 'valued community partner'
- Virginia hospitals among those penalized by Medicare
- Virginia to receive \$2.2M grant to reduce low-value healthcare
- Bon Secours Hampton Roads lays off medical practice employees

WEST VIRGINIA

- Hospitals in Ohio, West Virginia to lay off 70 employees
- Camden Clark Medical Center, officials dedicate new Parkersburg cardiac facility
- WVU breathes life into rural hospital

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's Hospital taps new COO
- Iowa rural hospitals are at risk of closure soon: analysis

KANSAS

- Kansas community hospital clears hurdle to get sales tax help
- Former employees of shuttered southeast Kansas hospital still unpaid
- Kansas considers relaxing rules on rural ambulance drivers
- Horton Hospital is shutting down
- Kansas hospital faces immediate closure, city officials say
- Proposed sales tax key to saving hospital

- Attorney general investigating 2 Kansas hospitals that abruptly closed

MINNESOTA

- CHI St. Alexius nurses vote to unionize with Minnesota Nurses Association
- Minnesota Hospitals Charge Average of 212 Percent More Than Cost of Care, Study Finds
- St. Alexius nurses vote to unionize
- Mayo's outlying hospitals, clinics see earnings jump
- A look inside U of M's Masonic Children's Hospital
- Allina Health Joins Forces with PatientWisdom, Inc. to Improve Patient Engagement
- The ambitious agenda of Allina Health COO Lisa Shannon
- KU Hospital surgeons join Kansas lawmakers to keep liver transplants in state
- While two bills would eat away at patient privacy, another protects it
- Minnesota senate passes bill to continue subsidies for health insurers

MISSOURI

- Another Rural Hospital Once Owned By North Kansas City Company Is In Dire Straits
- CMS terminates Missouri hospital's Medicare contract
- Nevada Regional Medical Center appoints CEO
- Branstetter takes hospital reigns
- BJC HealthCare sees 61% drop in annual operating income

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska Supreme Court decision in squabble over \$436 hospital bill leaves questions
- Nebraska hospitals concerned about law enforcement dumping patients to avoid paying the bill
- Emergency room construction phases on track for Great Plains Health

NORTH DAKOTA

- St. Alexius nurses vote to unionize
- CHI St. Alexius workers vote to unionize in North Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Another South Dakota nursing home closing due to money woes
- Sanford donates \$25M to improve drug decisions for veterans
- South Dakota lawmakers pass big nursing home funding boost

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Dozens of Chicago hospital staff fired for improperly viewing Jussie Smollett's records
- Owners of West Suburban hit with lawsuit
- Data breach reported by Chicago hospital system affects 45,000
- Backlash grows over plan to close Westlake Hospital
- Gov. Pritzker signs critical access hospital bill in Saline Co., IL
- SIH seeks trauma center status for Memorial Hospital of Carbondale
- St. John's sues company for alleged construction delays
- Swedish Covenant, Rush consider merger
- Health Care Service Corp. nets \$4B in 2018
- Pipeline Health accused of acquiring Illinois hospital under false pretenses
- Chicago health systems weighing possible merger, Crain's says
- Illinois governor signs bill to fund critical access hospitals
- Longtime Rush CEO to retire

INDIANA

- Lutheran Health Adds to Leadership Team
- Southern Indiana hospitals welcome employees of closing Kentuckiana Medical Center
- Partner on St. Vincent neighborhood hospitals had big ambitions but flamed out
- How Indiana's new mental health hospital will change psychiatric care
- Lilly Seeks Tax Abatement on \$90M Project
- IU School of Medicine Partners With Purdue Engineering
- Hoosier Hospitals Among Top 100

KENTUCKY

- UK HealthCare, Lexington Clinic finalize agreement for cancer care
- Tennova & UPMC partner for new rehab hospital
- Amendment viewed as threat to Medicaid expansion may be pulled from bill
- Tennova, UT Medical Center, Kindred plan inpatient rehab hospital on Middlebrook
- News on hospital infections in Kentucky, nationally is not good. What needs to change?
- Kentucky Patient Health Advocate And Hospital Association Reacts To CDC Report On Infections
- U of L won't reveal potential partners in KentuckyOne Health deal
- IU Health Physicians ramps up recruiting drive for specialists
- Kentucky nursing homes use \$750K in penalty dollars to stage series of ambitious plays with residents
- Humana to pay \$500,000 in pregnancy-discrimination settlement

MICHIGAN

- [Michigan hospitals docked Medicare payments, due to patient infections](#)
- [Michigan lawmakers reintroduce mandated nurse-to-patient ratios](#)
- [Mayo Clinic going show on potential clinic in Hudson, Wis.](#)
- [Beaumont Health's 146th outpatient center expected to be its biggest](#)
- [Clare hospital penalized for third time](#)
- [How Henry Ford Medical Group moves medicine](#)
- [Ottawa Community Mental Health gets \\$2.5M, still struggling financially](#)
- [Report: Munson Cadillac may receive 1 percent penalty by Medicare](#)
- [Medical Licensure Compact: expanding health care in rural areas of Michigan](#)
- [Kalkaska Memorial a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital](#)
- [Who is Emory Tibbs Jr., Sparrow Health System CEO and president?](#)
- [MidMichigan Medical Center-Midland celebrates 75 years](#)
- [Trinity Health posts \\$301M loss in first half of fiscal year](#)
- [How Beaumont Health reduced its IT budget after a hospital merger: Q&A with CIO Subra Sripada](#)
- [Sparrow Health CEO placed on leave amid misconduct allegations](#)

OHIO

- [Portage hospital shows off renovated ER](#)
- [Kettering Health Network names COO, 2 hospital presidents](#)
- [Hospitals in Ohio, West Virginia to lay off 70 employees](#)
- [UC Health selects chief administrative officer for ambulatory services](#)
- [Lake Health, University Hospitals announce new partnership](#)
- [Genesis HealthCare posts \\$6.9M net loss for 2018](#)
- [The Christ Hospital receives series of local approvals as CON appeal goes through court](#)
- [Newly formed urology group offers 'alternative to a hospital acquisition'](#)
- [Shriners Hospital in Cincinnati closing, moving to Dayton Children's Hospital](#)
- [Shriners Hospital will end 50-year legacy in Cincinnati by moving to Dayton in summer 2020](#)
- [One of Cincinnati's largest hospitals to close](#)
- [Western Reserve Medical Group Increases Home-Based Medical Care Capabilities in Ohio, Appoints Clinical Leadership](#)
- [Hospital reviews 48 nurses, pharmacists over dosages, deaths](#)
- [Cincinnati's Shriners Hospital plans move to Dayton in 2020](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic launches clinical AI center](#)

- OhioHealth selects Epic for new HER
- Cleveland Clinic CEO: Violence 'epidemic' happening in hospitals nationwide

WISCONSIN

- Medical College of Wisconsin plans \$100 million expansion for a cancer research center
- St. Croix County targets nursing assistant shortage
- “Pay up:” Former Wellspring employees demand paychecks after nursing home closed suddenly
- Post Acute Specialty Hospital of Milwaukee to close
- Baggott Named To Lead University Health Services At UW-Madison
- How Marshfield Clinic Health System moves medicine
- North Shore CEO: Amid SNF Changes, Regional Operators Poised for Future Success
- Proposed legislation could help fix doctor shortage in rural areas of Wisconsin
- Consolidation in health care, disruption coming soon?

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Alabama hospital to close March 8
- State to investigate alleged mistreatment at Huntsville VA retirement home
- Thrive Alabama now accepting new primary healthcare patients

FLORIDA

- Lawmakers point to ‘transparency’ for health costs
- Florida hospital system wins dismissal of whistleblower case
- Calls intensify for repeal of Florida’s health-care provider ‘Certificate of Need’ process
- Deadly deliveries: Some Florida hospitals face high rates of maternal complications
- Florida hospital to launch 3 telehealth sites at Publix pharmacies amid rebranding
- Johns Hopkins All Children's still noncompliant with some regulations, CMS says
- 21st Century Oncology Names Healthcare Financial Executive Todd Higgins as Chief Financial Officer
- Florida Lab Company Buys A Third Struggling Tennessee Hospital
- 39 Florida Hospitals Penalized With Medicare Cuts
- Covidien to pay \$17.5M for False Claims Act violations
- Capital Regional Medical Center hit with \$1.1 million verdict after hospital visitor slips, falls on wet floor
- Jackson Health System lays off undisclosed number of Florida employees

GEORGIA

- Georgia House defeats surprise-billing legislation
- Memorial Health faces Medicare penalties
- Bill to ease private hospital developments fails in Georgia House
- Hospital E.R., O.R. expansions to wrap up this summer
- Brookhaven council OK's Children's Healthcare's proposal for a hotel at new campus
- In Its Infancy, Bioscience Industry Poised To Boom In Atlanta's Office Market

MISSISSIPPI

- Hospital closings becoming campaign issue
- Is your hospital on this list? 31 Mississippi hospitals at risk of closing, report says
- Worried about your hospital closing? You should be worried about your next ambulance ride.
- Some Mississippi healthcare providers are illegally balance billing, report finds
- Merit Health Wesley welcomes Muns as new CEO
- Rural ER's closed, patients at risk
- Mississippi hospital to remain open after finding new owner

NORTH CAROLINA

- Hospitals group pushes back on NC Treasurer's proposal to change healthcare reimbursement
- How Novant Health alerts patients of split billing
- Mission Health sale brings changes to adult day care, other services
- Berger's latest Medicaid expansion opposition targets 'Carolina Cares' bill
- HCA shuffles the cards
- Atrium Health tackling opioid crisis with 'first-of-its-kind' technology
- Smithfield hospital is 'reviewing its policies and procedures' after worker was stabbed
- Atrium Health children's hospital launches app to streamline information for patients, families
- North Carolina EMS company alerts 20,000 patients of foreign cyberattack
- UNC Health's suburban strategy comes to Holly Springs as ground is broken for new hospital
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC combines with Oregon insurer Cambia
- Hospital president provides answers
- Ann Caulkins named as senior vice president of Novant Health and president of Novant Health Foundation
- SeHealth to seek partner in health-care quest
- UNC Rex receives national recognition for heart care
- Atrium Health details its latest expansion plan for the Charlotte area
- Southeastern Health expects to get healthier through partnership

- [UNC Health Care Now Offers Telehealth Service](#)
- [Cone Health Names Senior Vice President & Associate Chief Nurse Executive](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [EHR tool boosts clinical research participation for Medical University of South Carolina](#)
- [South Carolina pain group under investigation for billing fraud related to opioids, urine testing](#)
- [MUSC cuts ribbon on new MUSC children's health facility in North Charleston](#)
- [Prisma Health stops deliveries at South Carolina birth center](#)
- [MUSC partners with Charleston schools for telehealth clinics](#)
- [MUSC Health welcomes Marion County hospital facility to team](#)

TENNESSEE

- [Le Bonheur Children's Hospital announces hiring of new president](#)
- [Tennova & UTMC partner for new rehab hospital](#)
- [Tennova, UT Medical Center, Kindred plan inpatient rehab hospital on Middlebrook](#)
- [Report outlines how Ballad Health's progress will be evaluated by the state](#)
- [Rennova acquires Tennessee hospital](#)
- [Nashville program looks to tackle uncompensated care costs](#)
- [Holston Valley recognized as a Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospital for fourth time](#)
- [Tennova Healthcare-Cleveland appoints CEO](#)
- [Florida Lab Company Buys A Third Struggling Tennessee Hospital](#)
- [Nashville General names CMO](#)
- [East Tennessee Children's Hospital to open Urgent Care in Powell](#)
- [Hospital closures create havoc in rural Tennessee](#)
- [Tennessee hospital files for bankruptcy](#)
- [LifePoint Health appoints 2 division presidents](#)
- [How HCA defies industry trends with 19 straight quarters of admission gains](#)
- [Tennessee health system taps CEO](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- [Judge to let sides in Arkansas hospital case have say in court after filing cites 'crisis'](#)
- [Arkansas hospital's financial crisis puts patients at risk, board says](#)
- [Arkansas Heart Hospital gets 5-star rating](#)

- Baptist Health announces executive leadership changes
- Arkansas physician-assisted suicide bill fails before panel

ARIZONA

- Arizona lawmakers hope to close insurance-coverage gap in telemedicine
- Hacienda HealthCare reaches oversight agreement with AZ Dept. of Health
- Arizona's Medicaid program warns 3,100 enrollees about privacy breach
- Arizona hospitals can't impose financial liens on patients, court rules
- 'They should have never put me out there.' Hospital left homeless woman on the street

LOUISIANA

- 'Untrue from the outset:' Touro Hospital, LSU Health respond to USA Today report
- Children's Hospital \$300 Million Expansion is Named One of New Orleans CityBusiness' Top Construction Projects for 2019
- How Ochsner Health System moves medicine
- New parish hospital to break ground March 21
- Louisiana health system ousts CEO
- Board chair resigns after Louisiana hospital fires CEO

NEW MEXICO

- UNM Hospital prepares to serve migrant families coming to Albuquerque
- Christus St. Vincent rated as a top New Mexico hospital by federal agency
- Longtime PR exec to lead NM health care group

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma hospital owner forced to turn over operations
- Prague Hospital Owners Found In Contempt In Court
- Financial troubles force Oklahoma hospital to hold food drives to feed patients
- 'Local option' Medicaid expansion OK'd by Oklahoma House of Representatives

TEXAS

- How Telehealth is Impacting Employers in Dallas-Fort Worth
- Texas physicians group opposes legislation to combat surprise ER bills
- How good is your hospital? New report rates Houston hospitals from worst to best
- How do payer-provider ventures win? 'Integration,' Texas Health Aetna CEO says
- UT Health Center to triple residency program with hopes of adding more doctors in region
- Texas hospital CEO pleads guilty to role in multimillion-dollar pass-through payment scheme
- Why the Canceled Baylor-Memorial Merger Might Be Good For Hospital Quality and Cost

- Property tax plan worries hospitals
- Methodist Mansfield Medical Center's new president is Juan Fresquez
- Texas A&M Health, BCBS may use drones, self-driving cars to improve rural health

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Premera uses AI to identify customers at risk of high-cost care
- Health care emphasized at TCC convention

IDAHO

- Idaho House Speaker: Still short on Medicaid expansion votes
- This Boise psychiatric hospital has emerged from bankruptcy with a new owner

MONTANA

- Telemedicine offers real-time review of ultrasounds for rural Montana women
- Kalispell Regional Healthcare hospitals recognized for high quality ratings
- Acting director named for Montana VA Health Care

OREGON

- Real-time locating system reduces wait times by 75% at Oregon Medical Group
- PeaceHealth Oregon selects new CFO
- PeaceHealth Oregon announces new chief development officer
- Pfizer Settles with Oregon Over Drug Price Coupons
- Oregon Health Insurance Companies Report Big Losses In 2018
- Has serendipity created a transformational moment in Oregon health care?

WASHINGTON

- Island Hospital CEO to retire
- Harrison Medical Center still on track for 2020 opening in Silverdale
- UW teaching hospital plan passes Washington House
- Washington Legislature moves to address 'surprise billing' that affects 1 in 5 ER patients
- State public health-care plan clears Washington House

WYOMING

- Ten Wyoming hospitals penalized by Medicare, report says
- St. John's Medical Center boasts 5-star rating despite readmission penalties
- Summit Medical Center under new ownership

- Physician-owned hospital in Wyoming sold

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Stanford Health Care CFO Linda Hoff on standardizing care to contain costs
- Sacramento's Sutter Health reports its first annual financial loss in 23 years
- Covidien to pay \$17.5M for False Claims Act violations
- Nurses walk out after sale of hospitals to Santa Clara County
- Nurses strike at 2 California hospitals
- Shuttered California hospital to reopen after city OKs operating agreement
- Health care union notes layoffs as Kaiser expands contract landscaping service
- St. Bernardine Medical Center selects new CFO

COLORADO

- Colorado hospital 'bed tax' is legal, court rules
- Group of Denver doctors travels abroad to perform free surgeries
- St. Thomas More Hospital interim CEO focuses on providing exceptional care
- Chief medical officer addresses work, life and job security
- Colorado hospital to outsource physician billing
- Craig Richardville Named CIO Of \$2.5 Billion SCL Health
- Two measures in state Legislature seek to end surprise medical bills
- Colorado Senate tentatively Oks hospital transparency bill
- Survey highlights Coloradans' health care cost concerns
- CEO Peter Banko on Centura Health's plan to double revenue by 2025
- Valley-Wide leadership changes

HAWAII

- Q&A: Hawaii Sen. Stanley Chang on health care, housing, and bills this session
- Queen's to open new family clinic in Ewa Beach later this year

NEVADA

- Children's Week begins at the Nevada State Legislature
- Las Vegas health care provider sentenced for Medicaid fraud
- Controversial medical waste company proposes incinerator in North Las Vegas
- Critical condition: The crisis of rural medical care

- Cleveland Clinic Nevada joins international clinical trial investigating RRMS treatment

UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare genomics division awards \$400K for precision medicine research
- Intermountain Healthcare Launches New 'Intermountain at Home' Service to Enable Patients to Receive Clinical Care at Home
- Dixie Regional names new medical director
- Intermountain CEO Dr. Marc Harrison: How Civica Rx will disrupt the drug industry