

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - APRIL 5, 2019

### NATIONAL

- Hospital associations urge appeals court to reverse ACA ruling
- 'Patient Dumping' Still a Problem Despite Law
- Hospitals are largest employers in 16 states
- CMS finalizes nontraditional MA benefits, use of encounter data
- Physician Compensation Plateaued in 2018, Falling Less than 1%
- Feds get pressure to upgrade, expand HIPAA transactions
- These are the best – and worst – states to be a doctor in the US
- HHS publishes 340B drug ceiling prices in concession to hospital lobby
- Amazon's Alexa now handles patient health information

### NORTHEAST

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

#### CONNECTICUT

- Milford Hospital employees praise facility's acquisition
- Smilow Cancer Hospital first in CT to perform new cancer treatment
- Merger will save Connecticut hospital, lawmakers say
- 3 Connecticut Hospitals Named 'World's Best'

#### MAINE

- Maine Coast Hospital has first profitable quarter in at least nine years
- Public forum on possible merger of Mayo and Northern Light
- As a health care merger proceeds in Piscataquis County, residents worry services will be reduced

#### MASSACHUSETTS

- Northeast urgent care chain to pay \$2M to settle whistleblower case
- Pharma spends big as Massachusetts lawmakers review drug-pricing bills
- Nashoba Valley Medical Center appoints interim head as president

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Elliot Health System bond rating improves after joining forces
- NH moves forward with bill to expand telemedicine

- [3 NH Hospitals Make Newsweek's List of "World's Best"](#)

## NEW YORK

- [Mount Sinai to launch digital health institute](#)
- [Staffing dispute between 10,000 NYC nurses, 3 systems](#)
- [Montefiore Health System CFO Colleen Blye on her daily mantra and facing today's healthcare challenges](#)
- [9 New York Hospitals Make Newsweek's List Of 'World's Best'](#)
- [World's Best Hospitals List Includes 3 In NYC](#)
- [Secret vote to oust New York hospital CEO unlawful, expert says](#)
- [New York, Connecticut health systems merge to form \\$2.4B provider](#)

## VERMONT

- [University of Vermont Health Network appoints Christopher Hickey CFO of 2 hospitals](#)
- [Southwestern Vermont Medical Center achieves nuclear medicine accreditation](#)
- [Brattleboro Memorial Hospital ready to accept new patients](#)
- [Springfield Hospital seeks rate increase to help with finance problems](#)

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- [Middletown rehab hospital ranks in top 10%](#)
- [Bid to stem health spending is test of the Delaware Way](#)
- [Pew recommends Delaware increase access to opioid treatment](#)
- [Beebe interim CEO hopes to keep 'train on the track'](#)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [Kaiser Permanente opens its Potomac Yard medical center](#)
- [8 Virginia, DC Hospitals Among World's Best, Newsweek Says](#)
- [Advantia is on a buying spree. This time it's a local telehealth startup.](#)

## MARYLAND

- [Maryland lawmakers OK police force at Johns Hopkins](#)
- [Western Maryland Health System, UPMC to pursue merger](#)
- [MedStar Health to Pay U.S. \\$35 Million to Resolve Allegations that it Paid Kickbacks to a Cardiology Group in Exchange for Referrals](#)
- [Anne Arundel gets \\$12.5 million for nonprofits, flooding and other projects](#)
- [University of Maryland Medical Center seeks rate hike](#)
- [Mayor Catherine Pugh Out Of The Hospital, Says \\$500K 'Healthy Holly' Deal Was A 'Mistake'](#)

## NEW JERSEY

- Morristown Medical Center Named Among World's Best Hospitals by Newsweek
- NJ seeks approval to amend Medicaid behavioral health fee-for-service rates
- 5 New Jersey Hospitals Among Best In World, New Analysis Says

## PENNSYLVANIA

- LGH given 3rd citation in a year after patient wandered across town
- The philosophy of Reading Hospital's new CEO: 'Never be satisfied'
- Western Maryland Health System, UPMC to pursue merger
- "We have to do more with less," says Coordinated Health president after cutting jobs and spending
- 3 things to know about UPMC-Highmark consent decrees
- Penn State Health begins construction of West Shore hospital
- AAAHC awards Jefferson Surgery Center - Blue Bell three-year accreditation
- UPMC in talks to expand into a third state
- UPMC Susquehanna Sunbury announces leadership transition
- Nurses' union rips decision by IRMC
- ER doctors at Philly-area hospitals quietly win back-pay dispute with Prime Healthcare
- Number of patients nurses care for would be limited with proposed Pa. bill
- 10 Pennsylvania Hospitals Among Best In World, New Analysis Says
- Safety issues spur Pennsylvania hospital to create new exec position
- Pennsylvania hospital's payroll troubles persist
- Final beam placed at AHN McCandless Neighborhood Hospital
- After patient wanders away on cold night, central Pa. hospital and CEO faulted for multiple problems
- AG to appeal after judge refuses to extend UPMC-Highmark decree
- Philadelphia hospital to lay off 175 employees amid financial troubles

## VIRGINIA

- Here's Reston Hospital Center's new plan for a Tysons ER
- 8 Virginia, DC Hospitals Among World's Best, Newsweek Says
- Inova Fair Oaks campus buildings sell for \$46M

## WEST VIRGINIA

- Marty Wright named CEO of West Virginia Health Care Association
- Newsweek dubs WVU Medicine one of world's best hospitals
- Union: Hospital workers in Ky., W.Va. ratify 3-year contract

- WVU sees growth in collaborations, healthcare strides in 2018
- Rainelle Medical Center to receive more than \$2 million in funding

## **CENTRAL**

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

### **IOWA**

- Hundreds of North Iowans impacted by UnitedHealthcare pulling out of Iowa's Medicaid system
- Iowa extends transitional health plans through 2021
- University of Iowa to pay Modern Piping \$21.4 million for children's hospital construction
- University of Iowa settles Children's Hospital disputes
- Iowa's largest Medicaid provider departure prompts Democrats to call for ending privatized system
- Iowa nurse claims she was fired over long recovery from workplace injuries

### **KANSAS**

- Ascension announces new leader in Kansas
- Ascension names King to lead Ascension Via Christi
- Health leaders urge Kansas Medicaid move
- Kansas, Missouri medical malpractice payouts total \$78.2M in 2018

### **MINNESOTA**

- Budget shortfalls loom in Minnesota's health care fund
- Minnesota looking to expand on successful local strategy for fighting opioid crisis
- Hutchinson Health breaks ground on hospital wing in Minnesota
- Minnesota health care quality report highlights high performing medical groups; cites need for improvements across the board
- Minnesota ranked the fourth most doctor-friendly state
- Children's Minnesota starts new pediatric gender health program

### **MISSOURI**

- Cerner EHR alert helps Missouri provider reduce blood transfusion rate, save \$1 million
- Steven M. Scott is now president of SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital
- Kansas City doctor comes up with alternative to hospital bracelet
- SSM Health's annual net income more than doubles
- Kansas, Missouri medical malpractice payouts total \$78.2M in 2018

### **NEBRASKA**

- Nebraska's Medicaid expansion could take another 18 months
- Hospitals, other medical facilities continue to expand in Lincoln

- Nebraska's Medicaid expansion plan won't start until late 2020, has two tiers of coverage
- Nebraska health group looks to protect Nebraskans personal health information

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

- North Dakota could be next state with law regulating cameras in assisted living, nursing homes
- Western North Dakota to get its first geriatric psych unit

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

- Judge dismisses South Dakota, Avera from lawsuit in forced catheterizing of boy
- Brookings has top 20 rural community hospital

## **MIDWEST**

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

## **ILLINOIS**

- Nurse-to-patient ratio bill passes House committee
- Post-merger results: Advocate Aurora sees revenue, outpatient volume grow
- Pinckneyville, IL hospital to break ground on wellness center
- Illinois Nurses, Hospital CEOs At Odds Over Patient Limits
- Illinois sues to reverse \$145M in federal Medicaid repayments
- Multibillion-dollar Illinois health care system to use Madison startup's health data platform
- Woman claims \$26.54 overcharge for medical records, files class-action lawsuit
- Illinois hospital suspends inpatient labor, delivery and urology services
- Illinois Hospital Makes Newsweek's List Of 'World's Best'

## **INDIANA**

- New Virtual Services to be offered at IU Health Jay and Blackford
- St. Vincent looks to hire nearly 500 nurses in central Indiana
- IU Grand Challenge Initiative Hires Informatics Officer
- Zimmer Biomet System Lands FDA Clearance

## **KENTUCKY**

- Summit looks at pharmacist-approach to treating opioid addiction
- Union: Hospital workers in Ky., W.Va. ratify 3-year contract
- U of L extends timeline in search for partner to buy Jewish Hospital
- Donald H. Lloyd II Named Next St. Claire HealthCare President and CEO
- New Kentucky policy means patients won't have to wait weeks for care
- Judge quashes Trump admin's Medicaid work mandates in Arkansas, Kentucky

- U of L's move to take over KentuckyOne assets hits snag
- Waystar executive departs for medical tech company

## MICHIGAN

- McLaren offers patients virtual doctor visits
- McLaren Northern Michigan receives \$1 million grant
- Ex-hospital exec sues DMC for wrongful discharge, retaliation
- Ascension Borgess offers few details on plan for cancer services after West Michigan Cancer Center changes
- Ransomware forces Michigan medical practice to close shop
- Detroit Medical Center hospitals to train more Meharry med students
- Tenet-owned Michigan hospital settles alleged labor violations
- Sparrow, Michigan Medicine sign affiliation agreement
- Former hospital exec sues Tenet, claims retaliation for reporting unnecessary surgeries
- Hospitals announce formation of Covenant Regional Thumb Network

## OHIO

- Mount Carmel President, CEO defends hospital in interview
- Nursing shortage hitting medical field
- Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital celebrating one-year mark
- Family ties: Berger Hospital, Ohio Health formally joined together
- Cleveland Clinic Ranked 2nd Best Hospital In World
- Ohio bill would ban mandatory overtime for nurses

## WISCONSIN

- Wisconsin is second best state for physicians, new national ranking finds
- UW training future physicians in older patient care to meet growing demand
- Post-merger results: Advocate Aurora sees revenue, outpatient volume grow
- Advocate Aurora finalizes purchase of Marinette hospital
- Multibillion-dollar Illinois health care system to use Madison startup's health data platform
- Mayo Clinic hospital in La Crosse receives 5 star rating from national assessment

## SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

## ALABAMA

- Encompass Health Agrees to Purchase Alacare in \$217.5 Million Transaction
- Gastro Health makes 1st out-of-state acquisition in Alabama



## FLORIDA

- [Tenet taps chief strategy officer for Delray Medical Center](#)
- [Governor DeSantis announces UF Shands doctor as Florida Surgeon General](#)
- [Sacred Heart celebrates Children's Hospital's 50th year, cuts ribbon on new facility](#)
- [South Florida Baptist Hospital president takes on dual role](#)
- [Controversial hospital bill revived in Florida Senate](#)
- [Major Florida Medicaid Providers to Merge](#)
- [Johns Hopkins All Children's dodges millions of dollars in fines for safety issues](#)
- [Trial of Florida health care executive \\$1B fraud nears end](#)
- [Get a sneak peak at the new Studer Family Children's Hospital](#)
- [Gastro Health makes 1st out-of-state acquisition in Alabama](#)
- [Halifax Health's push for Deltona hospital clears Florida House committee](#)
- [Holy Cross Hospital Opens New Healthcare Facility in Coral Springs](#)

## GEORGIA

- [Northeast Georgia Health System gets state approval for new Braselton surgery center](#)
- [Georgia legislature OKs health care changes, hospital transparency](#)
- [WellStar West Georgia Medical Center named top 100 hospital in nation](#)

## MISSISSIPPI

- [Judge: Natchez Didn't Follow Procedures on Sale of Hospital](#)
- [Find out which six Mississippi food facilities received low health inspection marks last week](#)
- [Despite law, Mississippians still receive unexpected medical bills](#)

## NORTH CAROLINA

- [Triangle hospitals turning to 3rd party company for blood supplies](#)
- [Atrium Health taps leader to oversee three Charlotte hospitals](#)
- [Duke adding another private practice into its fold](#)
- [Two Triad projects completed for a combined \\$15.7 million](#)
- [New urgent care just for kids opens in Wake County](#)
- [New Broughton Hospital opening in Morganton](#)
- [Duke Health absorbs private ENT practice & 5 locations](#)
- [New Hanover Regional names chief clinical officer](#)
- [7 NC Hospitals Make Newsweek's List Of 'World's Best'](#)
- [Duke Health, BCBS of North Carolina launch insurance company](#)

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- MUSC pays \$425,000 settlement after woman dies in bypass recovery
- As SC deals with health worker shortage, there may be too many pharmacists
- Bon Secours Greenville president leaving; search for new president begins
- Bon Secours St. Francis Health System names new president

## **TENNESSEE**

- Healthy Outlook for Local Hospitals
- New Children's Hospital urgent care clinic opens in Powell
- CHS to sell Tennessee hospital
- Lauderdale Community Hospital to reopen ER under new management
- West Tennessee Health acquires facility from University of Tennessee in Jackson

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

## **ARKANSAS**

- Judge Puts De Queen Hospital in Temporary Receivership
- Arkansas governor seeks appeal of decision voiding Medicaid work rules
- Arkansas hospital operator ousted over 'real and present danger' to assets
- Arkansas to launch 2 mobile health centers
- Judge puts temporary receiver over Arkansas hospital's bank accounts, other matters
- Judge quashes Trump admin's Medicaid work mandates in Arkansas, Kentucky
- Arkansas hospital files for bankruptcy

## **ARIZONA**

- Arizona ranks No. 24 in best states for physicians
- Some Arizona hospitals are struggling in a changing health-care economy
- Dignity Health opens freestanding emergency room in Tempe
- Renovated Maryvale hospital to house ER, mental health facility

## **LOUISIANA**

- Ochsner opens urgent care clinic in the Central Business District
- Children's Hospital's \$300 million expansion marks milestone; slated to be finished by 2021

## **NEW MEXICO**

- Struggling New Mexico hospital still behind on utility bills
- Hospital still aims to rejoin central dispatch



- [Struggling New Mexico hospital makes progress, faces debts](#)

## OKLAHOMA

- [Doctor shortage hurting small communities in Oklahoma](#)
- [After Purdue Opioid Settlement, Oklahoma Sets Sights on New Target in Lawsuit](#)
- [Oklahoma Moves to Cover Funding for Clinics as Federal Mental Health Act Expires](#)

## TEXAS

- [Houston company bringing AI to health care raises \\$11.9M from Intel, other VC funds](#)
- [Christus Spohn Opens New Hospital Tower in Corpus Christi](#)
- [University Health System Begins \\$170M Epic EHR Implementation](#)
- [Dallas Hospitals Make Newsweek's List Of 'World's Best'](#)
- [Houston hospital restructuring to affect 586 jobs](#)
- [UTMB's new Clear Lake hospital will specialize in neurosciences and heart services](#)
- [Medical Center Hospital to receive more than \\$500,000 in state funds](#)
- [What is the Market Share of Texas' Largest Private Health Insurers?](#)
- [Telepsychiatry saves east Texas hospitals \\$18 million over 7 years](#)
- [Medical City Lewisville names COO](#)
- [Texas Hospitals Make Newsweek's List Of 'World's Best'](#)

## NORTHWEST

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

## ALASKA

- [New head of Wrangell Medical Center named](#)
- [Alaska hospitals have critical need for blood](#)
- [Opinion: Dunleavy's budget jeopardizes Alaska's health and economy](#)
- [Alaska aims to be first state receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant](#)
- [Providence sued after man with history of mental illness goes missing, dies after being discharged](#)

## IDAHO

- [Idaho lawmakers want to amend Medicaid expansion bill — for the 7th time](#)
- [Hospital tax could pay for Medicaid expansion](#)
- [Caravan Health and Idaho Hospital Association Launch Statewide Collaborative ACO to Strengthen Health Care](#)

## MONTANA

- [8 small Montana hospitals will receive a combined \\$1.8M for X-ray equipment](#)
- [St. Peter's Health starting \\$9 million surgical unit renovation](#)

- Montana House approves Medicaid expansion bill
- Missoula lawmaker's bill seeks transparency in prescription drug prices
- St. Vincent Healthcare receives five star rating for overall quality
- Montana hospitals pay tax in Medicaid-expansion bill — but rake in millions more, through other means

## OREGON

- Oregon health care growth rate bill moves forward
- Cap On Health Care Spending Advances In Legislature
- Bill would require more charity care from Oregon hospitals

## WASHINGTON

- Mason General project unites health care in new location
- Providence St. Joseph boosts physician, patient satisfaction with Epic interoperability tool

## WYOMING

- Northern Wyoming Mental Health Plans Crisis Stabilization Center
- Health care prices higher in Wyoming – but no one knows why

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- Kaiser Permanente, 85,000 workers to resume contract talks
- California Hospitals See Massive Surge In Homeless Patients
- U of California patient care workers to strike April 10
- Biz News: Hoag Hospital opens new operating suites in Newport
- California hospital earthquake upgrades to cost billions, report says

## COLORADO

- Southwest Memorial financial recovery is on track
- Lakewood family sues Children's Hospital for allegedly botched amputation
- Rural Colorado hospital to launch in-house pharmacy
- New law requires Colorado hospitals to report annual spending
- Polis signs Colorado hospital transparency bill into law
- Colorado hospitals work to reduce opioid prescriptions
- Telemedicine at SLV Health helps patients remain in the Valley for treatment
- St. Anthony Summit Medical Center agrees to deal to reduce health care costs for residents
- Gov. Polis rolls out 'roadmap' to reduce healthcare costs in Colorado

## HAWAII

- Kona Community Hospital CEO Announces Retirement
- \$28 million in federal funds awarded to community health centers across Hawaii
- Queen's Medical Center ranked one of the best hospitals in the U.S.
- Jury awards \$700K to man in case against Hawaii hospital
- West Hawaii Region and Kona Community Hospital CEO announces retirement
- Hawaii Health Systems Corp.'s West Hawaii Region CEO to retire

## NEVADA

- CTH remodeled emergency department to open
- Nevada lawmakers hear bill to require tourist-focused microhospital to accept Medicare, Medicaid

## UTAH

- Utah's partial Medicaid expansion cleared by CMS, sidestepping voters
- Federal grant approved to extend Medicaid coverage to 70-90K more Utah adults
- CMS Ignores Federal Judge Ruling To Approve Medicaid Work Rules in Utah
- How Intermountain Healthcare lowered opioid prescriptions by 3.8 million pills in 2018
- Intermountain Healthcare Bets Big on Home-Based Mentality