

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - APRIL 12, 2019

NATIONAL

- Hospitals add 13,600 jobs in March
- Walmart increasingly comparing physicians over cost
- 10 CEOs reshaping healthcare: Forbes
- What the HIPAA-compliant Alexa skills mean for the future of voice in healthcare
- PBM group says HHS drug rebate proposal would increase costs more than predicted
- The Best Places to Work in Health Care and Biopharma
- CMMI's Adam Boehler: 'Now is the time' to bring post-acute care bundle ideas
- Physician pay up 20% since 2015 but gender gap widens
- American Hospital Association introduces new chairman
- Private equity pushes into healthcare: 5 latest deals
- Amazon is moving into health care, its next big market
- CMS seeking providers to take part in HIPAA pilot program to reduce administrative burdens
- 3 nontraditional revenue-generating strategies for health systems
- Feds charge 24 in \$1.2B telemedicine fraud scheme
- Apple could make \$313B in healthcare by 2027, analysts say

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- With their costs under fire, long-term care hospitals push back, pivot
- New York, Connecticut health systems merge to form \$2.4B provider
- CT settles false claims case against New Haven dentist
- Yale New Haven Hospital, SEIU sign 5-year contract
- Connecticut hospital reports \$2M profit, June opening of medical office, lab
- Fighting back against a doctor shortage in rural Maine

MAINE

- Northern Light EMMC's president is stepping down
- CMS approves Maine's long-awaited Medicaid expansion

- Northern Light executive becomes Bangor hospital's interim president
- Franklin Community Health Network's president to retire at year's end
- D-F residents to vote on Mayo merger at town meeting
- Maine medical center receives grant to expand rural health care service, critical care
- Potential hospital merger's effect on Maine's health care industry
- CEO of 2 MaineHealth entities to retire in 2020

MASSACHUSETTS

- Massachusetts hospital says data breach exposed information about 12K patients
- Phishing attack puts 12,000 Baystate Health patients' health information at risk
- Gov. Baker urges caution as health care execs explore artificial intelligence
- Home care agency to lay off 200 after Wellforce merger
- Harrington, Heywood to join \$3B community hospital alliance

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Brattleboro hospital's multimillion-dollar expansion to start in summer
- Gauging critical access hospital protections
- NH tries to cope with shortage of psychiatrists

NEW YORK

- Total performance score hinders Medicare reimbursement rate at area hospitals
- Report: Mohawk Valley Health Services a boon to CNY economy
- New York, Connecticut health systems merge to form \$2.4B provider
- CareMount establishes post-acute care network for better communication
- Catholic Health CEO joins national council
- Catholic Health joins \$20M effort to recruit, retain 'front-line' caregivers
- New York hospital seeks critical access status to stay afloat
- New York hospital board scolds member for Facebook post on finances, 'poor service'
- After strike postponed, 10,000 NYC nurses, 3 health systems reach tentative labor deal
- Kaleida Health selects new CFO
- Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center taps interim CEO

RHODE ISLAND

- President of Women & Infants Hospital resigns
- Bill would give R.I. physician assistants more authority, flexibility

VERMONT

- Vermont entrepreneur Sivan Cotel joins UVM Health Network board
- Public to get preview of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital addition
- St. Albans hospital eyes cuts, revenue growth to stabilize budget
- Springfield Hospital to contract with Maine company for emergency services
- Public Hearing Wednesday Regarding Vermont Hospital Expansion
- Vermont medical center to cut workforce through redesign, attrition

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Bayhealth to launch residency programs in 2021
- Christiana Care earns Most Wired designation for tech expertise
- Patient care drives health care innovations in Delaware
- First rehab hospital in Kent County opens in Dover
- Beebe interim CEO hopes to keep 'train on the track'

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Advantia is on a buying spree. This time it's a local telehealth startup.
- DC children's hospital faces norovirus outbreak
- Children's receives \$30M donation for research campus at Walter Reed
- Children's National taps Johnson & Johnson for incubator at Walter Reed

MARYLAND

- Despite scandal, UMMS hospitals and clinics offer high level health care
- 7 Maryland Hospitals Among World's Best, Newsweek Says
- Will book controversy push city to reopen health care contract?
- Lawmakers approve overhaul of U of Maryland Medical System's board
- Maryland-based health company expands Alabama presence
- Baltimore's Top 10 BioHealth Startup CEOs
- Shore Health board chairman resigns
- Maryland will create drug affordability board

NEW JERSEY

- Why doctors don't want to work in New Jersey (Opinion)
- Murphy budget provides \$262M in charity care – these hospitals get the most
- NJDOH meeting weekly with CarePoint execs following March audit

- [Murphy signs mental health parity legislation](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- [Philadelphia hospital to lay off 175 employees amid financial troubles](#)
- [Digital health startup raises \\$25M, and it's all about patient data](#)
- [CHI St. Joseph Children's Health closes dental clinics to focus on behavioral health](#)
- [CEO outlines plan to save Hahnemann University Hospital](#)
- [Bucks County approves \\$507K for mobile rehab unit](#)
- [Judge rules UPMC-Highmark can move forward with split; consent decree ends June 30](#)
- [With 2 large health providers, surprise bills rare in southwest Pennsylvania](#)
- [Jennersville Hospital names new CEO](#)
- [Philadelphia hospital's parent company sees 'pathway to stability'](#)
- [Pennsylvania health system shakes up leadership amid financial losses](#)
- [Credit downgrade for owner of Crozer-Keystone Health System](#)
- [Labor dispute clouds future for Indiana Regional Medical Center](#)
- [Ellwood City Medical Center ordered to pay \\$5.23M](#)
- [LVHN is the first in the region, to acquire latest Robotic Surgery Technology and other company news](#)

VIRGINIA

- [6 provider organizations to use data to trim low-value care in Virginia](#)
- [HCA Virginia has named New Orleans doc to top job at Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals](#)
- [HCA Virginia names CEO for 2 hospitals](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

- [Urgent care facilities have become key part of health care system](#)
- [Kentucky man accuses West Virginia hospital of child abuse](#)
- [Wheeling Hospital closing Belmont Community Hospital, opening ASC](#)
- [Acuity Specialty Hospital remains open](#)
- [WV health centers to receive combined \\$5.4 million in funding through federal program](#)
- [WVU Medicine continues to expand specializations in Morgantown, access to care throughout WV](#)
- [Cardiac patient programs, physicians grow in North Central West Virginia](#)
- [Morgantown, WV's, Mon Health successfully emerges from leadership shake up; plans to meet community needs at low cost](#)
- [Bridgeport, WV's, United Hospital Center: The hub of health care for region's residents](#)
- [Cancer treatments rapidly expanding at NCWV healthcare facilities](#)
- [Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, in Weston, WV, increasing outpatient services while also planning for the future](#)

- Raleigh General recognized for excellence in wound care
- Jackson General Hospital a step closer to being part of WVU Health System
- Berkeley, Jefferson medical centers 'always advancing'

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Siouxland healthcare providers tackle health problems
- University of Iowa settles Children's Hospital disputes
- University of Iowa to pay Modern Piping \$21.4 million for children's hospital construction
- Wrong-patient prostate cancer surgery costs Iowa Clinic \$12.25 million in malpractice case
- New Rock Rapids hospital to open May 1
- An inside look into the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics' AirCare team

KANSAS

- Lee's Summit Firm Nabs Prestigious Design Honor For KU Health
- Health leaders urge Kansas Medicaid move
- Ascension names new Kansas ministry market executive
- New \$40 million hospital in Derby is nearly ready
- CEO of shuttered Kansas hospital says doors opening 'soon'
- Allegations Of Fraud, Stolen Records Swirl In Legal Fight Over Hillsboro, Kansas, Hospital

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota Senate approves package of GOP health care bills
- CHI St. Joseph's Health achieves Minnesota antibiotic stewardship honor roll
- Prime Therapeutics names former Allina chief Kenneth Paulus its next CEO
- Cancer-killing wave company HistoSonics closes on \$54 million round, plans Minneapolis office
- St. Paul biotech startup IGF Oncology names new CEO

MISSOURI

- SSM Health offering 24/7 advice for sports injuries
- Ascension Ventures Completes Investment in Strive Health
- SSM Health price transparency takes guesswork out of healthcare costs
- Missouri, Illinois medical malpractice payouts total \$257M in 2018

NEBRASKA

- Pender Community Hospital performs first robotic assisted surgery

- New Nebraska DHHS leader confirmed by state lawmakers
- Nebraska legislature advances bill to enhance PDMP, limit opioid abuse
- Nebraska's Medicaid expansion plan won't start until late 2020, has two tiers of coverage

NORTH DAKOTA

- CNA to CEO: Meet JPMC's Mike Delfs
- North Dakota House committee rejects major changes on Medicaid expansion

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Avera Medical Minute: Providing the best possible care through technology in rural areas
- Sanford-affiliated biotech firm Inanovate snags \$3.1M for breast cancer detection technology

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Chicago health tech incubator's products reach 92 million patients
- Jeremy Bradford named president of SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital
- Cottage CEO: Local births not enough to support 2 obstetrics departments
- North side hospital Thorek hopes to buy Methodist for \$22.5 million
- How Much Longer Will Westlake Hospital Stay Open?
- Chicago hospital pitches \$22.5M deal to expand footprint
- Judge grants Westlake Hospital a reprieve, hours after owners announce it was closing
- McDonough District Hospital announces Dietz as President/CEO
- Westlake Hospital: Equipment Removed, Patients Turned Away Amid Legal Dispute
- University of Chicago trauma center receives \$9.1 million donation
- Illinois hospital moves to suspend services, gives employees 60-day notice of closing
- SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital names permanent president
- Missouri, Illinois medical malpractice payouts total \$257M in 2018

INDIANA

- Community Hospital earns comprehensive stroke center status
- Court challenge could halt Indiana's Medicaid work requirements
- St. Mary Medical Center awarded for surgical excellence
- Indiana hospital closes, lays off 269 employees
- Riverview plans freestanding ER, urgent care center on Carmel's west side
- Springbuk Begins 'Health Intelligence Tour'

KENTUCKY

- [Hardin Memorial Recovering from Cyberattack, EHR Downtime](#)
- [Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital president to retire](#)
- [State midwives score legislative victory](#)
- [Kentucky health agency now without infectious diseases chief](#)
- [Kentucky hospital hit with IT disturbance, experiences EHR downtime](#)
- [Secrecy shields Kentucky, other hospitals with outbreaks of drug-resistant infections](#)
- [UofL Re-Opens search for hospital partners](#)

MICHIGAN

- [A Ford Taurus goes through a Michigan hospital's fourth-floor window — on purpose](#)
- [McLaren awarded 5-Star rating from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)
- [What we know so far: McLaren's plans to close two south Lansing hospitals, open another](#)
- [Hospital hires director of mission integration](#)
- [Henry Ford Health System Earns Upgraded Bond Rating From Moody's Investors Service](#)
- [McLaren Health to close 2 hospitals, consolidate services at new \\$450M facility](#)
- [DMC Harper Hospital avoids Medicare aid cutoff](#)
- [Mercy Health Saint Mary's names new president](#)
- [Henry Ford Health System appoints 2 new leaders](#)

OHIO

- [Collaboration is at the core of Cleveland Clinic, CWRU's new Health Education Campus](#)
- [Despite big partners, Lake Health Beachwood Medical Center takes its own path](#)
- [Perrysville native named vice president of Chillicothe hospital](#)
- [University Hospitals patients' privacy information exposed](#)
- [Wheeling Hospital closing Belmont Community Hospital, opening ASC](#)
- [Mercy Health-Springfield appoints interim president](#)
- [Dayton hospitals expand cutting-edge cardiac treatments, focus on prevention](#)
- [Nationwide Children's raises minimum wage to \\$15](#)
- [Best Places to Work Winner: Ohio Valley Surgical Hospital](#)
- [Belmont Community Hospital closes its doors](#)
- [105-year-old Ohio hospital closes](#)
- [Cuyahoga County Council to consider \\$42 million contract with MetroHealth for jail health care](#)
- [Kettering Health Network ranked one of the best places to work in healthcare](#)

- Former Clevelanders come home to grow health care technology startup MedPilot
- Mount Carmel sets day to open Grove City hospital, close West
- Patients at Toledo rehab hospital subject to data breach
- Former MetroHealth Hospital COO sentenced to more than 15 years for defrauding hospital
- Hospital partners with one of Cincinnati's largest doctor groups
- Teladoc, Cincinnati Children's partner on pediatric consumer telehealth platform
- Ex-MetroHealth COO sentenced to 15 years for defrauding hospital

WISCONSIN

- 8 Wisconsin nursing homes operated by Dycora, including 3 in the Milwaukee area, put into receivership
- Three area skilled nursing facilities put into receivership
- Wisconsin pharmacy benefits combination challenges national giants
- Wisconsin Now Completely Removed From Federal ACA Lawsuit
- Sixteenth Street Community Health latest to target \$15 minimum hourly wage
- Black River Memorial Hospital to add multi-purpose clinic

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Maryland-based health company expands Alabama presence
- Birmingham CRE firm adds California to portfolio with hospital acquisition
- Southern Research selects new head of drug development division
- Birmingham health group acquired by Miami-based Gastro Health

FLORIDA

- Upgraded Broward Health neonatal unit gives premie babies a better chance at life
- Jacksonville-area hospitals, insurance company team up to prevent infant deaths
- Rural hospitals devastated by Hurricane Michael could suffer from Medicaid cuts
- Tampa General Hospital first in Florida to use new single-incision robot
- Sarasota Memorial breaks ground on new Venice hospital
- Broward Health names chief compliance officer
- Largo hospital names new CEO
- Broward Health CEO: Layoffs not part of strategy
- National sports reporter tours Baptist Health's unique operating room
- Holy Cross Hospital opens new urgent care and physician offices

- Massive Central Florida disaster drill to include 40 hospitals, 1,500 students
- Nurse practitioners could soon practice without doctor supervision in Florida
- Florida ER Visits Hold Steady, Bucking National Trend
- 5 Houston biotech companies taking health care to new levels
- 4 months after Hurricane Michael, Florida medical community hasn't fully recovered

GEORGIA

- 7 Georgia Hospitals Ranks As World's Best, Newsweek Says
- Emory Johns Creek, Gwinnett Medical Center earn spots in top hospital rankings
- Grady Health System Partners with Quality Reviews
- Health care shortage sees positive changes in North Georgia
- Hospital prepares to re-open in summer

MISSISSIPPI

- Robertson named Memorial Hospital Foundation President
- Gulfport hospital names Wack as CFO
- Memorial Hospital at Gulfport names CFO
- Merit Health Central names Wills as new COO

NORTH CAROLINA

- Life science firm with Raleigh office developing blood tests for cancers raises \$3.1M
- Answer Man: HCA changing Mission Hospital culture? Cutting hours?
- North Carolina Nurses Lobby State Legislature for Healthcare Policies
- State DHHS errors result in \$100M+ in wrongful payments to providers, ineligible recipients
- Novant plans \$181.4M upgrade to Forsyth Medical Center campus
- My Health files appeal of denial to participate in Medicaid waiver rollout
- Partnership to bring medical school to North Carolina city
- Atrium Health, Wake Forest Baptist Health Eye Hospital Merger
- Auditor: North Carolina Medicaid overpaid \$100M+ in claims
- Folwell, hospitals spar over state plan pricing
- Two Triad hospices plan merger, the second in as many months
- You can now reserve a spot at Atrium Health's Urgent Care through Alexa
- Atrium extends rebranding to flagship facility

SOUTH CAROLINA

- U of South Carolina, Siemens Healthineers launch innovation center

- Lowcountry growth triggers need for \$24 million ER expansion at Summerville Medical
- Owner of Mount Pleasant company charged in national \$1B Medicare fraud investigation
- New Roper Hospital and ER opens Wednesday
- Tidelands Health CEO earns national recognition
- MUSC Children's Health receives highest level of verification for care
- 2 oncology practices merge, expanding reach of cancer care across Charleston
- SC emergency room shooting wounds nurse; man arrested
- Bon Secours closes Eastside medical practice, lays off 60 employees
- BCBS of South Carolina adds national urgent care chain to network after feud

TENNESSEE

- To Save Themselves, Tennessee's Rural Hospitals Consider A New Way To Get Paid
- Hospital Closure Hurts A Town's Ability To Attract Retirees
- Premise recruits Cleveland Clinic exec to be CMO
- How a hospital closure affected a Tennessee town
- Erlanger's board faces overhaul if conflict of interest bill becomes law
- Ballad Health shifts services at 2 Tennessee hospitals

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas hospital owned by financially troubled owner Jorge Perez files for bankruptcy
- Arkansas hospital files for bankruptcy
- Hospital execs talk future of health care in El Dorado
- Arkansas DHS officials questioned about unpaid Medicaid claims in senate committee hearing

ARIZONA

- Bill could create more spots for med students in Arizona
- Maryvale regains centrally located emergency room as shuttered hospital reopens in April
- Banner emergency department to break ground in Sun City this week
- Arizona will now recognize out-of-state occupational licenses
- Phoenix Children's Hospital to receive \$1.5M grant to fund cancer research

LOUISIANA

- New facility is a game changer for medical technology in Shreveport
- Hulin Health opens SouthStar Urgent Care Clinic in Oakdale

- [Urgent Care Center coming to University Hospital & Clinics this summer](#)
- [East Jefferson Hospital in 'productive' talks with LCMC over possible takeover, sources say](#)
- [The urgent care industry is booming in New Orleans and nationwide. Here's why.](#)
- [HCA Virginia has named New Orleans doc to top job at Chippenham & Johnston-Willis Hospitals](#)
- [Willis-Knighton Health System CEO delays retirement, signs contract extension](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Film explores rural New Mexico health care amid poverty, opioid crisis](#)
- [How New Mexico is faring as it rethinks care delivery](#)
- [Large Medicaid population has New Mexico rethinking care delivery](#)
- [Struggling New Mexico hospital makes progress, faces debts](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Oklahoma attorney general drops all but public nuisance claim from opioid lawsuit](#)
- [Report: Oklahoma nursing homes struggle to care for patients](#)
- [New Veteran's Administration Hospital Planned For Tulsa](#)
- [Bill would give doctors in rural areas \\$25,000 tax credit](#)
- [Mayo Clinic, OU Children's Hospital announce collaboration on rare heart disease research](#)

TEXAS

- [Nurse practitioners want ability to practice independently in Texas](#)
- [Man fatally shoots himself at Baylor Scott & White hospital](#)
- [How to Bring Innovation to the Hospital - Dallas Startup Week](#)
- [Chicago company acquires Children's Hospital of San Antonio Pavilion](#)
- [Dallas/Ft. Worth: A "No-Brainer" for Life Science Development](#)
- [Texas This Week: Bill to end 'surprise medical billing' moves forward](#)
- [HCA converts Houston hospital to ED](#)
- [HCA Houston Healthcare hires exec for newly created C-suite role](#)
- [Emergency room reopens under new management at Lauderdale Community Hospital](#)
- [Texas Children's Hospital West Campus expands sleep center](#)
- [Texas Attracts Most Healthcare Data Hacks But It Is Fighting Back](#)
- [Which Local Medical Centers Made Newsweek's List of Best Hospitals?](#)
- [BCBS of Texas to open primary care clinics](#)
- [New Women's Hospital Opens In Arlington](#)
- [Texas hospitals record most cyberattacks in US](#)

- [How automation improved pharmacy operations at Texas Children's](#)
- [7 found guilty in \\$40M Texas hospital kickback case](#)
- [Peterson Health taps Midland Health executive as CEO](#)
- [Brownwood Regional Medical Center selects CEO](#)

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- [Alaska is OK funding Medicaid through grants, governor says](#)
- [State health care director is out](#)
- [Providence sued after man with history of mental illness goes missing, dies after being discharged](#)

IDAHO

- [Hospital tax could pay for Medicaid expansion](#)
- [Students try robot surgery at St. Alphonsus](#)
- [Blue Cross of Idaho owns minority stake in Primary Health Medical Group](#)
- [Idaho Gov. Little signs bill to put work requirements on Medicaid expansion](#)

MONTANA

- [Medicaid expansion bill tabled, assigned to new committee](#)
- [Montana Medicaid expansion bill moves to Senate floor](#)
- [Montana woman creates app to help search for Montana health professionals](#)

OREGON

- [800 Oregon hospital workers unionize](#)
- [Oregon lawmakers take public comments on a \\$2 cigarette tax hike to fund Medicaid](#)
- [Oregon faces possible contempt ruling over slow access to mental health care](#)

WASHINGTON

- [Hospitals' health records system shuts down](#)
- [5 Puget Sound Hospitals On 'World's Best' List: Newsweek](#)
- [PATH President and CEO Steve Davis to step down](#)
- [Washington hospitals may resort to fax during health information network shutdown](#)
- [Retiring Washington hospital CEO to receive bonus despite pushback](#)

WYOMING

- [Wyoming Medical Center to Undergo Security Upgrades Following Shooting Incident](#)
- [Hospital fiscal outlook positive despite negative February numbers](#)

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Calif. Hospitals Make Newsweek's List Of 'World's Best'
- New health care bills before California Legislature aim for better access and affordability
- Four California Hospitals Fined for Licensing Issues
- Judge upholds \$1 million verdict against Camarillo hospital; appeal still an option
- Nurses at 2 California hospitals picket over contract terms
- California hospital considers layoffs amid projected \$18.8M loss
- California allows aid-in-dying drugs for terminally ill, but hospitals set barriers
- California hospital apologizes after dozens of patients claim they were secretly recorded
- Opinion: There's a simple fix to California's shortage of doctors and health care providers
- State department defends \$2.3 million monthly sanction on Kern Behavioral Health
- Birmingham CRE firm adds California to portfolio with hospital acquisition
- Bill to expand NPs' practice scope advances in California legislature
- University of California workers strike at 5 medical centers, 10 campuses

COLORADO

- Future of inpatient mental health care arrives at Boulder Community Health
- North Colorado Medical Center's NICU celebrates 1 year of upgrades
- Vail Health goes all in on behavioral health
- Hospital to showcase high-tech orthopedic assessment tools
- Governor Jared Polis rolls out new healthcare plan for Colorado
- Colorado's new law targets surgical smoke exposure at ASCs
- Ascension Ventures Completes Investment in Strive Health
- Littleton Adventist Hospital celebrates 30 years
- Colorado's plan to reduce healthcare costs

HAWAII

- Health Korea to open first Hawaii location
- Hawaii primary care network opens in-house pharmacy

NEVADA

- Nevada's Renown Health taps Genome Medical for telegenomics counseling
- Renown Health opens urgent care facility in Carson City

- Carson Tahoe Health triage space remodeled
- Nevada compromise on surprise ER bills would take patients out of dispute

UTAH

- Intermountain Logan Regional Hospital Names New Administrator
- Large ER bills after teens' attempted suicide deemed not an emergency