

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MAY 3, 2019

NATIONAL

- How hospitals are making investments that create new revenue streams
- Civica Rx CEO predicts 'stampede' if Amazon's Haven succeeds
- HHS cuts maximum civil monetary penalties for HIPAA violations
- Healthcare sweeps ranking of top-paying jobs — Salaries for surgeons, orthodontists & more
- PBM executive: Industry has been discussing end of rebates for a 'long, long time'
- FDA Okays Healthcare Blockchain Pilot to Track Specialty Drugs
- At 30, Stark Law Chugs Along But It's Overdue for Repairs
- 5 top supply chain stories in April
- Healthcare mergers were down a bit in Q1. But watch for more partnerships, report says
- AHA urges DOJ to scrutinize Centene-Wellcare merger
- CMS launches 5 primary care models in new value-based push
- CMS seeking ideas for new ACA innovation waiver concepts

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- CT nursing home union calls off strike plans
- Hospital merger gives western CT new doctor pipeline
- Yale-New Haven Hospital announces \$838 million Neuroscience Center at Saint Raphael campus
- \$15 million gift for Norwalk Hospital
- Officials say St. Vincent's, Hartford deal good for all
- Connecticut Children's Medical Center Unveils New Virtual Reality Infusion Center

MAINE

- Northern Maine Medical Center physician leads Maine association
- Soaring health care costs drive consolidation of Maine's hospitals
- Seven of eight towns favor Mayo/Northern Light Merger
- CMMC could lose Medicare and Medicaid funding due to problems
- Maine Med to share federal grant that will get cardiac patients into research trials

MASSACHUSETTS

- Class-action lawsuit filed against Massachusetts-based healthcare provider over data breach
- Tenet taps Carolyn Jackson as Massachusetts market, hospital CEO
- Startup offering medical second opinion service partners with Boston Children's, Nationwide Children's
- Boston hospital receives largest philanthropic gift in history for HIV/AIDS vaccine research
- Assault on healthcare workers could be felony under new Massachusetts bill

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Portsmouth Regional Hospital to become a teaching hospital
- Patients being returned to hospital after boiler problem

NEW YORK

- White Plains Hospital breaks ground on \$272M expansion
- Shooting victim's lawsuit against Bronx Lebanon Hospital will move forward
- Wyoming County hospital approved for ortho expansion
- New York approves Wyoming County Community Hospital's \$1.1M orthopedic expansion
- Patient falls from 8th floor window at New York hospital
- Healogics Wound Care Center Opens at Hudson Regional Hospital
- North 60 \$1.2B bioscience center: More details of mixed-use project for Valhalla
- Patients urged to share billing frustrations, organize to shape health policy

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island to dock Medicaid payments to some nursing homes
- Lifespan launches website criticizing Partners takeover of Care New England
- Ortho Rhode Island breaks ground on medical office building with surgery center
- Care New England CEO: Lifespan is 'fear-mongering' on Partners deal

VERMONT

- Vermont hospital considering partnerships, bankruptcy as financial struggles drag on
- WCAX Investigates: The ripple effect of wait times at Vt. hospitals

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- 5 Delaware biotech startups to watch
- Company seeks \$1.2 million grant for new medical facility in Delaware
- Pennsylvania, Delaware medical societies team up on improving care, controlling costs

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [New Branch of GU Medical Center Appoints Leadership](#)
- [Children's NICU slashes unintended extubation rates by 60% over 10 years](#)
- [Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM, named president and chief executive officer of the Catholic Health Association of the United States](#)
- [Providence's emergency services are gone. Here's what's coming on the D.C. campus.](#)
- [Providence Hospital closes after 158 years | 'I think it will put a lot of people in jeopardy'](#)
- [DC hospital closes after 158 years](#)

MARYLAND

- [Johns Hopkins Hospital CFO Daniel Smith on the value of EMRs](#)
- [Chief of Maryland medical system resigns amid scandal](#)
- [University of Maryland first to use unmanned aircraft to deliver kidney for transplant](#)
- [Shore Health wins approval for \\$38.5M freestanding facility with ASC](#)
- [Drone delivers kidney for transplant at U of Maryland](#)
- [Maryland's Largest Independent GI Provider Announces Grand Re-Opening Near Bowie](#)

NEW JERSEY

- [New Bridgton Hospital president addresses concerns, offers look ahead](#)
- [RWJBarnabas, Trinitas near merger agreement](#)
- [Paycheck errors have hit hospital workers across N.J., union complaint says](#)
- [Statement of Debbie White, President On the hiring of the next President/CEO of University Hospital](#)
- [Panel raises questions about \\$13M in tax credits to hospital](#)
- [NJ health commissioner leaves to become University Hospital president and CEO](#)
- [University Hospital Can Be 'Pride Of Newark,' New CEO Says](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- [Nurses in demand: City needs to lure workers from other U.S. metros](#)
- [Pennsylvania hospital to end maternity, pediatric services after UPMC ends affiliation](#)
- [Uniontown Hospital ending maternity, pediatric services June 30](#)
- [Another central Pa. hospital system and health insurer decide to pair up](#)
- [Tyrone Hospital Announces Leadership Changes](#)
- [WVU Medicine doctors expected to staff Uniontown Hospital's emergency room](#)
- [Pennsylvania, Delaware medical societies team up on improving care, controlling costs](#)
- [Reading Hospital names new COO](#)
- [How Jefferson Health standardized clinical products to cut costs while maintaining care quality](#)

- Penn State researchers to study need for hospice care in rural Pennsylvania

VIRGINIA

- Virginia pain management clinics agree to pay \$3.3M to settle civil fraud claims
- National Spine & Pain Centers involved in \$3.3M settlement over fraud allegations
- Life Sciences Industry On Uptick In Virginia
- Local healthcare transport startup fuels up with \$5M in new capital

WEST VIRGINIA

- Hospitals in West Virginia and Kentucky sign onto massive suit aimed at pharma industry
- Health systems representing 25 W.Va. hospitals file lawsuit against drug companies
- WVU Medicine doctors expected to staff Uniontown Hospital's emergency room
- Kurban named chief medical officer at WVU Medicine East
- WVU Medicine East names new vice president, chief medical officer

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Genesis Health Systems realign workforce according to officials
- New Behavioral Health Hospital Will Address Treatment Shortage
- Nurses recognized for patient and workforce safety achievements
- UI considers using third party to create final Children's Hospital construction records

KANSAS

- Hospital clinics recognized as 'Pinnacle Practice'
- Regional general Hospital owner Jorge Perez under federal investigation.
- Olathe Health plans first phase of expansion
- Liver transplant change delayed amid lawsuit by KU, St. Luke's, other hospitals

MINNESOTA

- Children's Hospital Minnesota launches new Gender Health program
- Mayo Clinic accelerator picks include AI, remote patient monitoring tools
- Budget fight erupts at Minnesota Legislature as health care provider tax is set to expire

MISSOURI

- Regional general Hospital owner Jorge Perez under federal investigation.
- One of St. Louis' largest architecture firms expands in health care industry with acquisition
- Schnucks grocery chain opens 9th specialty pharmacy

- St. Louis biotech startup acquires German firm, snags private equity investment
- St. Louis-area health care organization ranks on 'top health systems' list
- Liver transplant change delayed amid lawsuit by KU, St. Luke's, other hospitals
- IBM Watson names Mercy among top five large health systems for 2019
- St. Louis Children's Hospital celebrates 500th heart transplant

NEBRASKA

- Boys Town Hospital expands surgical services for kids, adds 4 physicians
- Nebraska Medical Center named to 100 great hospital list for sixth time
- Tri Valley Health System appoints Jessica Fisher CEO
- 'A flying intensive care unit' — StarCare provides air medical service for rural Nebraskans
- Local hospital named on 100 great hospitals list

NORTH DAKOTA

- Crookston's RiverView Health breaks ground on new hospital
- CCMH welcomes new CFO

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Encompass building \$28M, 40-bed rehab hospital in southwest Sioux Falls
- Avera Gregory Hospital earns five-star marks in federal ratings

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Edward-Elmhurst nurses oppose Illinois mandatory staffing ratio bill
- Galesburg Cottage Hospital CEO to resign
- Schnucks grocery chain opens 9th specialty pharmacy
- Local hospitals' quality projects showcased at State Capitol
- Illinois hospital installs new spinal robot for precise spinal surgery
- Westlake Hospital closing approved by unanimous state review board vote
- Illinois health board approves Quincy Medical Group's ASC proposal with slight objections
- Lisa DiMarco named chief nursing officer for SSM Health in Southern Illinois
- 'A great day': Alton Memorial Hospital joins Siteman Cancer Network

INDIANA

- Lutheran Health Network Expands Leadership Team
- Indiana University Health, WakeMed Health & Hospitals test blockchain for drug delivery

- Visibly files suit seeking to overturn Indiana's ban on corrective lens prescription via telemedicine
- Executive team addition announced at Decatur County Memorial Hospital
- 'Anywhere but Indiana' — Why employers are avoiding hospitals in the Hoosier State
- Lilly Reports Higher Profit, Cuts Guidance
- Reid Health Announces Partnership with Earlham College
- Indiana Hospital to Launch Cerner EHR Implementation
- Indiana ASC wins 'best places to work' award
- Indiana University Health names Dr. Michelle Janney COO
- Methodist Hospitals Appoint Assistant VP

KENTUCKY

- Cloud interoperability tech eases interface work at University of Louisville Hospital
- Baptist Health Lexington Makes Becker's Healthcare Top 100
- Norton Healthcare partners with Kentucky schools to offer students virtual visits
- Hospitals in West Virginia and Kentucky sign onto massive suit aimed at pharma industry
- Baptist Health inks strategic alliance with BluMine Health to support employer-sponsored health, wellness programs
- Waystar's owner reportedly mulling sale of company
- Louisville health care startup wins Venture Sharks competition
- US WorldMeds settles whistleblower suit for \$17.5 million
- Humana earnings beat expectations
- Norton Healthcare & Select Medical tie up on outpatient rehabilitation
- Kentucky Hospitals Join Together to Fight Opioid Epidemic
- Kindred Healthcare Acquires Promise Hospital in Los Angeles

MICHIGAN

- Pine Rest aims to ease strain on ERs
- Health system earns distinction for electronic records
- Three Michigan health systems collaborate on \$48 million laundry service facility
- Pregnant women at Manistee Hospital soon will need to go elsewhere to give birth
- Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital launches new program
- Dickinson County Healthcare System announces layoffs
- Oaklawn Hospital names Gregg Beeg permanent CEO

OHIO

- Mercy St. Vincent Nurses, staff issue 10-day notice to strike

- Ohio State's Harding Hospital opens 18 new inpatient rooms for psychiatric patients
- New Mount Carmel Grove City hospital set to open this Sunday
- Cincinnati Children's, Teladoc to develop pediatric telehealth
- TriHealth COO Gail Donovan to step down
- Wrongful death lawsuit against Summa, ER physician group settled
- Proposed solution to Ohio's healthcare shortage gains AARP support
- Startup offering medical second opinion service partners with Boston Children's, Nationwide Children's
- Ohio moves further down list of worst states for nurses
- Bon Secours to merge with Ireland's largest private health system
- Hospital's replacement opens amid scandal over doc, dosages
- Nurses, staff set to strike at Ohio hospital next week
- Akron Children's Hospital provides glimpse inside new Massillon pediatric center
- Mercy Health Youngstown lays off over 30 employees
- Northeast Ohio nursing homes are diversifying to stay afloat

WISCONSIN

- What you need to know about the St. Joseph Hospital controversy
- Aspirus Riverview Hospital 'front-line' employees enlist union to seek higher pay, cheaper insurance
- Carroll University, St. Joseph Medical Clinic partner on new downtown Waukesha clinic
- LifeCare Hospitals of Wisconsin in Waukesha to close
- Marshfield Clinic completes affiliation with Beaver Dam Community Hospital
- Dycora cuts Wisconsin ties

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- UAB alumni forging the future of medicine, patient care in Alabama
- Helen Keller Hospital picks new president with Huntsville ties
- Alabama ASC proposes physician buyout by Covenant Surgical Partners
- UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium aims to improve health with multi-level approach
- UAB's Grand Challenge winner lands \$2.7M to boost health in Alabama

FLORIDA

- Ex-leaders of diabetes test supplier to settle fraud charges for \$1M
- Key hospital budget issues resolved

- Certificates of Need about to Become History
- Legislature could pass telehealth bill in Florida
- Broward health care tech closes on \$9M in Series B
- Nicklaus Children's Health System head warns of proposed funding cuts
- Freestanding ER in the works for Citrus Hills
- How is it going at Bayfront Health St. Petersburg? City officials have questions.
- Bayfront Health St. Petersburg sues property appraiser for 'unlawful' tax bill
- Florida hospital sues Aetna over readmission payment policy
- Former Florida hospital chain CEO to pay \$3.5M to settle false billing allegations
- Florida bill would allow new hospitals to be built without state approval
- Florida hospital sues Aetna over readmission payment policy
- Orlando Health snaps up 28 acres in Osceola County

GEORGIA

- Kemp could model Georgia Medicaid waiver off Grady program
- Augusta University Medical Center buys remaining ASC shares for \$2M+ from University Hospital, physicians
- Kemp signs bill freeing cancer hospital to grow in Georgia
- Augusta University opens long-awaited nurse-run clinic
- Doctor sues hospital, claims billing done for patients he never saw
- Three Atlanta hospitals ranked among America's 100 greatest
- Emory, WellStar engaged in years long court battle over Smyrna hospital
- Athens Piedmont hospital ranks as one of the best hospitals in the US

MISSISSIPPI

- Neshoba General Hospital getting new look
- Covington Hospital CEO also administrator of Magee General
- Mississippi health system now live on Epic

NORTH CAROLINA

- Indiana University Health, WakeMed Health & Hospitals test blockchain for drug delivery
- Cooper, hospitals push for Medicaid expansion
- Judge signs off on settlement in lawsuit against Atrium Health involving health care costs
- Western North Carolina Community Health Services appoints interim chief executive officer
- N.C. CEOs: Now's the time to expand Medicaid
- Rural hospital CEOs call for Medicaid expansion

- NC House proposes new help for people in assisted living in state budget
- Solving the nursing shortage: HCC expansion hinges on new building
- Washington County Hospital reopening today, accepting patients Thursday

SOUTH CAROLINA

- New VA health facility in North Charleston expected to open in 2021
- Coastal Carolina Hospital names chief nursing officer
- Nurses at Orangeburg hospital feared for their safety before shooting. They still do.
- SC needs more health providers, but there aren't enough spots to train them

TENNESSEE

- Spero Health Appoints Clint Cromwell as Chief Legal Officer
- Clinical care, academic programs unite as ETSU Health
- Nurse's arrest shows flaws in Tennessee background check reports
- Tennessee children's hospital opens new outpatient center
- CHS reports \$118M loss, revenues dip 8.5%
- HCA beats revenue estimates, logs 20th straight quarter of admissions growth
- Unlike Other Hospital Chains, Nashville-Based HCA Remains In Buying Mode
- Memphis pharmacy joins FDA pilot to secure U.S. drug supply chain
- TriStar building \$17.3M surgery center on HCA property after lengthy delay
- TDH commissioner OKs Ballad Health's NICU plan
- Mayor Briley announces Nashville General Hospital to get \$43.1M from budget
- HCA won't wait to grow its newest asset

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas sues 3 drug distributors over opioid crisis
- Hospital quality improvement award goes to Magnolia Regional Medical Center
- Eureka Springs Hospital Commission concerned ER doctors not getting paid on time
- Investing in new technology is high stakes. Here's how a Banner CEO tackles the challenge
- Arizona hospital under construction seeks nurses, other healthcare workers

ARIZONA

- Carondelet St. Mary's Hospital selects Ryan Harper as COO
- Mayo Clinic and Arizona State University reveal 6 startups in new MedTech Accelerator

- [New East Valley hospital looking to hire medical professionals](#)
- [Banner Health and Radiology Partners join forces to create Banner Imaging](#)
- [JLL sells Arizona property anchored by USPI surgery center](#)
- [Mayo Clinic names CEO in Arizona](#)
- [Banner Health and Select Medical break ground on Peoria hospital](#)
- [New Head Of Arizona Hospital And Healthcare Association: This Is A Time Of Uncertainty And Opportunity](#)
- [The Ensign Group Acquires Two Arizona Post-Acute Care Campuses](#)

LOUISIANA

- [Baton Rouge nurse's death prompts medical workers nationwide to demand workplace safety](#)
- [East Jefferson General Hospital has new financing option for patients](#)
- [UHC, LCMC Health partner on physician assistant program](#)
- [Nurse Practitioners Key to Strengthening Louisiana Primary Health Care Access](#)
- [University of Holy Cross, LCMC Health team up to launch physician assistant program](#)
- [Ochsner Health System's telehealth program is built on trust](#)
- [The rise of New Orleans as a healthcare innovation hub](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Roosevelt General Hospital expands service with new clinic](#)
- [Report: Rate of ER visits higher in southeastern New Mexico](#)
- [Hospital board braces for change as terms expire](#)
- [Christus St. Vincent joins Mayo Clinic network](#)
- [A New Mexico hospital has become the first in the state to join the Mayo Clinic Network.](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Southeastern Oklahoma Heart Walk to shine light on low health rankings](#)
- [Stephenson Cancer Center at OU Medicine receives \\$10.8 million grant](#)
- [Prague hospital back on track under new management](#)
- [Medicaid expansion debate continues in Oklahoma](#)
- [Oklahoma Specialty Hospital Selects the Evident Thrive EHR System](#)
- [New management requires unpaid former employees to return for back pay at Osage Co. hospital](#)

TEXAS

- [Could Tenet Healthcare Corp. Be on the Move?](#)
- [Cook Children's plans to open pediatric hospital in Prosper](#)
- [Texas managed care accountability bill advances](#)

- Ka-ching! Tenet's CEO gets \$30 million in stock with few strings attached
- Two Major Children's Hospitals Plan To Build Facilities In Prosper
- UH College of Nursing receives \$3.5M from Houston's largest health care system
- Nilest named CEO of rehab hospital
- 5 new technologies enhancing health care at Houston Methodist
- Timothy Harlin appointed University of Texas Medical Branch Health System CEO
- Tenet reports \$27M loss in Q1
- Baylor Scott and White - Waxahachie is Now a Trauma Center
- Houston-based real estate co. launches health care division, first project
- Texas Health Hospital Frisco's First President
- AMN Healthcare, nation's biggest staffing firm, grows larger with \$200 million deal
- Texas Medical Center reveals new details and renderings for its TMC3 campus
- Texas lawmaker (and doctor) wants to study state's physician shortage
- How Forest Park Medical Center players got away with paying medical kickbacks for so long
- A New CFO at Medical City Denton
- Plano medical software firm is doubling its headquarters
- UH College of Nursing receives \$3.5M from Houston's largest health care system
- Where are they now? An update of Texas healthcare legislation
- UTMB Health System names new CEO

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Growth of Alaska's senior population outpacing available living options
- Alaska House bill would require warnings from doctors about opioid dangers
- Woodin resigns as South Peninsula Hospital CEO
- Noel Rea appointed interim CEO at hospital

IDAHO

- St. Mary's/CVH optimizes value-based healthcare
- Hospitals say Medicaid expansion will help them, patients

MONTANA

- Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital unveils new surgery center
- New Kalispell Hospital CEO Takes Over In Wake Of \$24 Million Lawsuit

- Travelling medical lab helping rural doctors keep their skills sharp
- Providence Health Expansion Pairs Social Workers, Physicians To Improve Patient Outcomes

OREGON

- Trillium Set To Lose Contract With PeaceHealth
- Nurses hope Oregon legislation will stem assaults by patients
- Safety for health care workers looked to be improved under proposed Oregon bill
- Washington, Oregon named among best states in nation for nurses
- Changes possible for health care groups that oversee the Oregon Health Plan

WASHINGTON

- Kirkland hospital measures fail
- East Adams Rural Healthcare appoints Corey Fedie CEO
- CHI Franciscan hospitals required to pay debt relief as part of lawsuit settlement
- Parent company of Tacoma's St. Joseph hospital to pay millions over illegal charity care practices
- Brain cancer doctors at Swedish believe they're close to breakthrough to improve survival
- Washington, Oregon named among best states in nation for nurses
- Hospitals required to pay debt relief as part of settlement
- Hundreds stuck in Washington hospitals without a medical need to be there
- Legislature OKs bill to guarantee rest breaks for nurses
- Has Astria Health improved patient care since acquiring Yakima Valley hospitals?

WYOMING

- BCBS of Wyoming CEO hands over role to insurer's first female chief
- Hospital partners with TeleStroke Wyoming

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Mendocino hospital seeks partner, buyer
- 144 cancer research office workers in California vote to unionize
- Behavioral Health Organization to Lay Off 74
- Sutter Health to Pay \$30M in Medicare Advantage Settlement
- Marin Specialty Surgery Center plans big expansion as demand for outpatient procedures grows
- Kindred Healthcare Acquires Promise Hospital in Los Angeles
- Generations Healthcare CEO: Why We Built New SNFs in California, Nevada

COLORADO

- [Boulder Community Health employees bid farewell to Broadway campus](#)
- [Developer plans surgery center in healthcare's new hotspot: Colorado Springs](#)
- [DaVita taps Javier Rodriguez as CEO](#)
- [DaVita CEO Kent Thiry leaving post after 20 years](#)
- [UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center expands partnership with Anthem to bring new program to Routt County](#)
- [Wade Tyrrell named CEO of Sterling Regional MedCenter](#)
- [Sterling Regional MedCenter taps Wade Tyrrell as CEO](#)
- [Hernia patient sues Colorado hospital after face-first tumble off operating table](#)
- [Plan-provider partnership looks to lower costs in northwest Colorado](#)
- [Colorado awarded \\$65 million to test plans to improve health care](#)

HAWAII

- [HMC cardiac unit proposal stalls](#)
- [Wilcox Medical Center on Kaua'i getting \\$12.3 million upgrade](#)
- [FEMA funding \\$4 million to replace generators at Kauai's Wilcox Hospital](#)
- [Hilo Medical Center Ups Security After 3 Employees Stabbed](#)
- [Nurses at North Hawaii Community Hospital to picket, highlighting various concerns](#)

NEVADA

- [NV Collaboration Using Health Data Exchange to Cut Readmissions](#)
- [Mitchell Asset Group Completes, Sells NV Health-Care Center](#)
- [Wanted: 25,000 DNA samples from Las Vegas for Healthy Nevada Project](#)
- [Generations Healthcare CEO: Why We Built New SNFs in California, Nevada](#)

UTAH

- [Transforming Healthcare: How University Of Utah Health Ditched Spreadsheets And Gained 30 Percent Efficiency](#)
- [University of Utah must pay whistleblower \\$216K in attorney fees, judge rules](#)