

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MAY 31, 2019

### NATIONAL

- Physician burnout costs the US health care system approximately \$4.6 billion a year
- AMGA finds physician groups increase reliance on risk-based revenues; obstacles persist in move to value
- 6 latest healthcare industry lawsuits
- Highest-paid CEOs in 2018: Who made the list from healthcare
- State-by-state breakdown of rural health clinics
- Senate health committee takes on surprise bills, price transparency in legislative package
- Report: 40% of healthcare organizations hit by WannaCry in past 6 months
- 14 new ASC developments where investors expect to spend \$13M-\$51.5M
- Tennessee, 15 other states settle for \$900,000 after HIPAA data breach

### NORTHEAST

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

#### **CONNECTICUT**

- Greenwich Hospital to add patient rooms, move outpatient clinic
- Region's hospice leader retiring after 32 years
- Connecticut Hospital Association, Gov. Lamont look to reach compromise on hospital tax
- Health care executives ask Lamont to halt legislation proposing public option for health insurance
- Governor, hospitals reach tentative agreement in dispute
- Connecticut hospitals, state to settle lawsuit on billion-dollar provider tax

#### **MAINE**

- Fort Kent hospital cites employees as key factor to numerous awards
- Maine hospital to boost parent services for at-risk mothers
- Maine hospital implements telemedicine system for rheumatology patients
- Vermont lowered prescription drug costs. Maine can too

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

- Massachusetts pharma company files for bankruptcy
- Exeter, Dover hospitals agree to merge with Mass. General
- One on One: Carolyn Jackson, CEO of St. Vincent Hospital & Tenet Massachusetts Market

- Baystate Health plans ICU closures at Noble in Westfield, Wing in Palmer, as Massachusetts lawmakers mull making such shutdowns harder
- Final 3 Massachusetts nursing homes placed in receivership close for good
- Seacoast Hospitals Look to Join Forces with Mass General
- Atrius Health posts \$38.7M operating surplus for 2018, credits value-based care success
- Boston Children's Hospital, DCF team up to recruit foster parents
- Boston Children's physicians' organization implements EHR tools to identify at-risk asthma patients
- All 5 Skyline nursing homes in southeastern Massachusetts closed
- Kennedy health center names new CEO
- Baystate Health to close underutilized ICUs in Massachusetts
- Massachusetts hospital to close in 2020

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Exeter, Dover hospitals agree to merge with Mass. General
- Study measures NH's health emergency readiness
- Seacoast Hospitals Look to Join Forces with Mass General

## NEW YORK

- See latest safety grades for Central New York hospitals
- White Plains Hospital unveils new family and behavioral health center
- New York-Presbyterian Moves Ahead with Washington Heights MXU
- Roswell Park Care Network expands with Long Island health partnership
- Clarence assisted living site to see \$7.5 million expansion
- Eastern Niagara details losses from maternity, dialysis
- At Northwell, innovators awarded \$1M
- NYU Winthrop CEO to step down

## RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island Foundation awards \$2.6M from new Behavioral Health Fund
- Southcoast Health to establish Level II trauma center at St. Luke's Hospital

## VERMONT

- Barre's only downtown primary care center set to close
- Vermont lowered prescription drug costs. Maine can too
- Rutland Regional Medical Center receives high hospital safety rating grade

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- Delaware suing generic drug companies, executives
- Report ranks Delaware 6th in overall health care quality
- Christiana Care's new pain center will offer non-opioid treatments

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Inside the Fight Over the Last Hospital in D.C.'s Poorest Neighborhood
- D.C. Council votes to give UMC more money
- Inside the new MedStar Georgetown proton therapy center in D.C.
- Pikesville startup looks to increase fundraising, expand footprint throughout D.C.

## MARYLAND

- On Maryland's Eastern Shore, local hospital is downsized — and residents are outraged at UMMS
- Acting medical system chief pledges changes to senior staff
- CEO of U of Maryland Capital Region Health resigns
- Anne Arundel to control Doctors Community under proposed merger
- Capital Region Health chief executive resigns
- Pikesville startup looks to increase fundraising, expand footprint throughout D.C.
- Gaithersburg's Viela Bio strikes \$220M deal with Chinese drug company

## NEW JERSEY

- N.J. bill requiring new rules for out-of-state transfers puts patients' health in jeopardy, 2 hospital CEOs say
- More than 3 out of 4 N.J. hospitals perform too many c-sections risking mom, baby's health, report says
- Cooper cardiologist to head international society
- Hackensack Meridian Health's Center for Discovery & Innovation launches at ON3
- Cooper University Health joins trial to improve traumatic brain injury outcomes

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Pennsylvania not currently moving forward with plans to sell Allentown State Hospital property
- Online tool can help Pennsylvania cancer patients decide where to have surgery
- UPMC workers plan to strike after Tuesday's public meeting
- Ex-Pennsylvania health system COO charged in \$1.3M fraud scheme faces new accusations
- CEO says Ellwood City Medical Center almost self-sufficient
- Here's how Pa. is spending a \$56M grant to address opioid addiction
- How 2 health systems are moving the needle on costs & outcomes with an optimized supply chain

- Innovative EMS simulation lab opens in Delaware County
- Pharma company settles claims of kickbacks to dermatologists
- UHS invests in primary care company
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia To Open Pediatric Urgent Care Center in Bryn Mawr, PA
- New Bucks County hospital gets its name
- Local hospitals' operating margins below state level, report says
- Former UPMC board member calls CEO Jeffrey Romoff 'evil'
- Pennsylvania's Supreme Court sends UPMC, state attorney general spat to lower court
- Practice management suite helps group practice grow 15 percent a year

## **VIRGINIA**

- Novant Health UVA Health System names Dr. Douglas Markert chief clinical officer for 2 hospitals
- Two of three local hospitals drop a grade in safety report
- Centra's New CEO and the Task at Hand
- Evolent Health shares sink after taking a stake in a Kentucky Medicaid managed care company

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- Wheeling Hospital CEO announces retirement, interim named
- Mon Health System and WVU Hospitals formalize partnership to establish emergency response ambulance service

## **CENTRAL**

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

## **IOWA**

- MercyOne halts its kidney and pancreas transplant program
- Osceola-based health center to build mental health crisis access center
- GOP-led Legislature won't override veto of Iowa's expanded medical cannabis bill

## **KANSAS**

- Kansas Health Science Center names president, board of trustees
- As nurse practitioners try to shake free of doctors, Kansas physicians resist
- KU Health providers, clinics will switch to Children's Mercy as part of deeper partnership
- Wichita cardiologist to pay \$5.8 million for false billings and unnecessary procedures

## **MINNESOTA**

- Minnesota Supreme Court ruling on malpractice causes stir in medical community
- Nurses picket at Robbinsdale Hospital
- HealthPartners hits \$7B in revenue

- Minnesota Supreme Court Malpractice Ruling Has Doctors Concerned
- Allina-Aetna says its enrollment hits 12,000
- Dr. Jon Pryor tapped as president of Essentia Health's East Market

## MISSOURI

- CMH CEO Donald J. Babb to retire
- Federal court dismisses pro se suit against Mercy Clinic East Communities
- Missouri hospital gets creative with financing to finish surgery center
- St. Luke's to open ambulatory surgery center in Chesterfield by 2020

## NEBRASKA

- Kearney Regional Medical Center celebrates 5 years
- Nebraska Critical Access Hospital Begins Cerner EHR Implementation
- Hebron hospital inaccessible from north due to flooding

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Fargo hospital gets \$100K to treat first episodes of psychosis in youth
- Anoka state hospital employees air safety concerns

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- Helmsley grant aims to help with mental health issues West River
- VA Black Hills Health Care System is now tobacco free

## MIDWEST

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

### ILLINOIS

- Horizon Health opens new rehab building
- Decatur Memorial Hospital to merge with parent of Memorial Medical Center
- Newly merged Dignity-CHI health system offers patients home recovery care services
- Illinois hospital to close senior behavioral health unit
- Illinois health system strikes deal to add 5th hospital
- Surgery center with pediatric clinic is 1st step in Anderson Healthcare's \$8.5M expansion
- Amita Health cuts services at three Chicago-area hospitals
- Illinois hospitals brace for influx of deliveries amid birthing unit closures

### INDIANA

- Medical Informatics to Pay OCR \$100K for Potential HIPAA Violations
- Wehrmeister named president of St. Vincent Central Region

- [IU Health Distribution Center Already Paying Off](#)
- [Questions loom over proposed Carmel rehabilitation hospital](#)
- [IU Health hires another 13 neurosurgeons from Goodman Campbell](#)
- [Franciscan Health hospitals 'growing and rocking and rolling'](#)
- [Johnson Memorial Health Names New CEO](#)

## KENTUCKY

- [U of L To Participate In New Four-State Study On Rural Health Outcomes](#)
- [Owensboro Health designated as Energy Star facility; saves \\$1.7 million through energy efficiency](#)
- [Kentucky's Children Getting a Lift at Norton Children's Hospital](#)
- [Kentucky hospital implements \\$2M Epic EHR: 3 things to know](#)
- [CMS terminates Kentucky hospital's Medicare contract](#)
- [Passport Health Plan expanding partnership with Evolent Health](#)
- [UK HealthCare's secretive medical foundation must disclose its records, judge rules](#)
- [Evolent Health shares sink after taking a stake in a Kentucky Medicaid managed care company](#)
- [Passport Health Plan to be sold to for-profit company](#)

## MICHIGAN

- [MidMichigan's Maternity Center earns designation](#)
- [Detroit Medical Center begins layoffs](#)
- [She almost died. But Macomb County hospital had rare medical device that saved her life](#)
- [Mercy Health alerts 1,000 patients of data breach](#)
- [West Michigan's clinical labs make \\$505M annual impact](#)
- [McLaren Central Michigan receives A grade for birthing safety](#)
- [Getting settled: New McLaren Northern Michigan CEO presents at business leader forum](#)

## OHIO

- ["No deal"; Mercy Health, nurses union still at odds after three days of talks](#)
- [New hospital in Troy aims to focus on whole person care](#)
- [Monroe Care Center receives five-star rating](#)
- [Mercy Health strike to continue after talks end with no deal](#)
- [New tower prepares to open at ProMedica Toledo Hospital](#)
- [Mercy Health-St. Vincent Medical Center to cut 24 specialty healthcare jobs](#)
- [Dayton Children's cancels elective surgeries after severe storm knocks out power](#)
- [Ohio Living Telehealth Program Achieves 7.5% Hospital Readmission Rate](#)



## WISCONSIN

- [Here's how a Marshfield Clinic, Gundersen Health merger might affect Wisconsin's rural health care](#)
- [SurgCenter forms ASC joint venture with Wisconsin spine surgeons](#)
- [Children's Hospital CEO Peggy Troy joining Rexnord board of directors](#)
- [Beloit health system plans for future at annual event](#)
- [Madison-area advocates guide patients through complex health care system](#)
- [Columbia Health System gives \\$3 million to support women's health](#)
- [Ascension Wisconsin Identifies its Top Health Priorities in Milwaukee](#)
- [Rogers Behavioral Health nears completion on West Allis, Oconomowoc expansion projects](#)

## SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

### ALABAMA

- [UAB Hospital prepares for when disaster strikes](#)
- [UAB Hospital lauded for seventh year in a row as one of America's great hospitals](#)
- [Encompass Health names new C-suite exec](#)

### FLORIDA

- [Florida building converted into gastroenterology surgery center, medical office](#)
- [Orlando Health's new rehab center designed as hotel that offers medical care](#)
- [Cleveland Clinic gets unanimous nod to negotiate for VGTI building in Port St. Lucie](#)
- [Profit at Johns Hopkins hospitals tumbled. All Children's was to blame.](#)
- [Orlando Health to rezone downtown campus for potential expansion](#)
- [Florida hospital faces blowback for executive search firm's opacity in finding CEO](#)
- [Nurses picket at Tenet hospitals in Arizona, California and Florida](#)
- [Seven Rivers' ownership applies for building permit for standalone E.R.](#)
- [Sarasota home health agency accused of paying kickbacks to doctors for patients](#)
- [Feds cite home care agency in kickback complaint](#)
- [Bayfront Health Seven Rivers releases plans for freestanding ER](#)

### GEORGIA

- [Atlanta cancer hospital picks CEO successor](#)
- [Piedmont Healthcare generates \\$5.6 billion for local, state economy](#)
- [Georgia Allows Doctors to Offer Flat-rate Care Agreements](#)
- [In an Atlanta NICU, babies can be soothed by their mothers' voices—whether mom is there or not](#)

- 3 female doctors—all from Georgia—will take over top posts at national physician organizations
- How are Georgia hospitals addressing the nursing shortage?
- Cigna exec picked as COO of growing Atlanta health IT company

## MISSISSIPPI

- New emergency telemedicine regulations will expand rural health care
- Proposed change to Medicaid State Plan questioned by Mississippi Hospital Association

## NORTH CAROLINA

- UNC trying to reduce tensions with Vidant as lawsuit proceeds
- Vidant Health can't take away UNC's right to name hospital board members, judge rules
- Vidant Medical Center facing possible budget cuts
- UNC REX Healthcare Names Raleigh OB-GYN Dr. Ann Collins as its Board Chair
- Judge temporarily blocks Vidant Health appointments
- Financial losses dip at hospital
- Caldwell to take job with Novant foundation, leave as president of Rowan Medical Center
- Triad health system names new hospital president
- How 2 health systems are moving the needle on costs & outcomes with an optimized supply chain
- Senate budget proposes change to Vidant reimbursements
- UNC System gets restraining order to prevent Vidant board upheaval
- UNC Children's hospital responds to New York Times investigation criticizing heart surgery program

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- MUSC Health, South Carolina hospital to expand primary, specialty telehealth services
- Nationwide psychiatrist shortage's impact on South Carolina
- Updated S.C. law paves way for physician assistants to expand care
- Telehealth technology brings MUSC providers to CCSD nurses offices within minutes
- South Carolina health system opens remodeled women's surgery center

## TENNESSEE

- CHS continues hospital sell-off spree with deal in Texas
- Owner of rural East TN hospitals facing debts, lawsuits, lack of cash
- Lindy White set to take over as CEO in parts of Ballad coverage area
- Erlanger board approves bylaws change on former members' employment with the hospital
- Newly merged Dignity-CHI health system offers patients home recovery care services
- Change Healthcare upscales IPO to \$200m



- Struggling Jamestown hospital to get funding cut
- Tennessee, 15 other states settle for \$900,000 after HIPAA data breach

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST**

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

### **ARKANSAS**

- El Dorado to Soon Begin Construction on \$3.5M Cancer Center
- South Arkansas To Get Comprehensive Cancer Treatment Center

### **ARIZONA**

- Principals to hold outreach meeting on hospital plan
- Nurses picket at Tenet hospitals in Arizona, California and Florida
- Hospital grades decline in Arizona as state rankings improve
- Arizona health system selects Meditech HER

### **LOUISIANA**

- Glenwood Regional Medical Center named 2 of Louisiana's exceptional EMS providers
- Louisiana senators refuse tax review of Medicaid eligibility
- Lafayette General Health System partners with ThinkGenetic to provide new cutting-edge technology
- Louisiana drug distributor pays \$22M to settle opioid charges
- Promise Hospitals in Baton Rouge sold to California company

### **NEW MEXICO**

- New Mexico shores up Medicaid spending rates at hospitals
- Feds fund effort to address opioid epidemic in southern New Mexico
- New Mexico joint venture to open orthopedic ASC
- Presbyterian to open one of SW's largest specialty surgical centers
- Gov. Lujan Grisham announces increased Medicaid hospital reimbursement rates
- New Mexico hospitals to get \$169M Medicaid boost

### **OKLAHOMA**

- Spotlight on Oklahoma for start of trial for opioid makers
- 'Incredible efforts' chipping away at Oklahoma's opioid crisis
- Oklahoma Heart Hospital agrees to pay \$2.8 million in whistleblower settlement

### **TEXAS**

- College Station Medical Center to become part of CHI St. Joseph Health System
- CHS continues hospital sell-off spree with deal in Texas

- UMC among three hospitals in Texas with highest designation
- In Houston, tech and health are cures for the oil 'curse'
- Study: Freestanding ERs Don't Relieve Hospital Crowding In Texas' Biggest Cities
- Parkland Health Expanding Dallas Hospital Campus
- Kenneth Rose to serve as president & CEO of Texas Health Hospital Mansfield
- Texas hospital cited for response to patient abuse allegations
- Houston health care data company grows with new medical device partnerships
- University Medical Center Receives Level IV Maternal Care Designation
- Christus Health's Bob Karl on balancing physician compensation and the move to value
- Midland Memorial Hospital's commitment to quality and safety go beyond rankings
- Nearly \$200M for new San Antonio State Hospital is provided in state budget
- CEO Named for Future Texas Health Hospital Mansfield
- Struggling hospital in rural Tennessee to get funding cut
- Loneliness a predictor of Dallas County's highest ED utilizers
- Houston-area hospitals with worst safety grades, according to study
- Texas Health Resources sees net income rise to \$463.3M
- Expansion of Minimally Invasive Heart Surgery in North Texas
- Two Garland Physicians Suspended by the Texas Medical Board
- Northwest Texas Healthcare System planning to invest \$50M over next five years

## **NORTHWEST**

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

### **ALASKA**

- Smith named new CEO of hospital
- Multiple bills aim to expand telehealth services in Alaska
- What the healthcare overhaul at VA means for Alaska vets

### **IDAHO**

- Eye on Boise: Lawmakers gear up to dive into future Medicaid expansion funding, impacts
- Nearing the last hurdle: What challenges remain for Medicaid expansion in Idaho?
- Idaho Healthcare Summit highlights an industry in flux

### **MONTANA**

- SHC nurses undergo advanced medical training in Texas
- Central Montana Medical Center ambulance service receives award

- Hospital ordered to pay \$400K in do-not-resuscitate lawsuit
- Daines talks tele-health in Montana with visiting FCC commissioner

## OREGON

- Investor pays \$14.5M in cash for Portland-area ASC property
- Measure to spur 'health care of tomorrow' passes Oregon Senate
- Zoom+ appoints new CEO 5 months after PeaceHealth acquisition
- PacificSource targets Portland market with new OHSU-Legacy products

## WASHINGTON

- Judge in Astria bankruptcy case orders company to provide ICU nurses
- Seattle tech company joins forces to bolster opioid-abuse recovery
- Seattle-area health organizations donate \$15M to fight homelessness

## WYOMING

- Problems persist at Wyoming's largest mental health facility
- Hertz named interim CEO at MHCC while search begins

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- California Assembly passes bill to restrict dialysis profits
- Newly merged Dignity-CHI health system offers patients home recovery care services
- Nurses picket at Tenet hospitals in Arizona, California and Florida
- UCSF Medical Center Backs Off Plan To Deepen Ties With Dignity Health
- Kaiser Permanente names regional chief nurse executive
- Barton Health nurses on strike; negotiations to resume in June

## COLORADO

- Monopolies drive health care costs in Southwest Colorado
- Here Are The Safest Hospitals In Denver
- Newly merged Dignity-CHI health system offers patients home recovery care services
- Colorado hospital installs Mako robot
- Cramer to also lead new Broomfield hospital
- DaVita's new CEO Rodriguez talks strategy, style and the future of kidney care
- Sisters of St. Francis partner with Penrose-St. Francis, Centura Health to transfer ministries from Mount St. Francis location to Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado in northeast Colorado Springs

- Colorado becomes first state in the US to cap price of insulin
- A look at Colorado's 8 new laws related to mental health
- Lonnie Cramer to serve as president of 2 UCHealth hospitals

## HAWAII

- The Queen's Health Systems selects new CEO: Dr. Jill Hoggard Green
- Hawaii Man Sues Hospital Over Missing Whale Tooth Necklace
- LETTER: 'Queen's Health Systems Does Not Value Nurses Equally'

## NEVADA

- VA links up with Nevada's statewide HIE to help improve EHR sharing
- Prominence Health opens new Carson City Care Center
- Northern Nevada Medical Center unveils new private rooms

## UTAH

- Burn survivor credits Utah hospital for saving him from opioid dependence
- St. George medical center utilizes regional anesthesia rather than opioids to treat post-surgical pain
- FOX 13 Investigation: Customers across the country complain about Utah companies selling health products
- Study shows a steep decline in Utah's 2018 Medicaid and CHIP enrollment