

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JUNE 21, 2019

NATIONAL

- HHS expands health reimbursement coverage
- 9 hospital, health system construction projects worth \$300M or more
- May healthcare data breaches: More than 2 million patients affected
- Dual Payment Model for Long Term Care Hospitals Could Boost Hospice Use
- Uber Health will provide injured workers with transportation to medical appointments
- These Are The Top Children's Hospitals In The U.S.
- Home Health Industry Likely Headed for M&A Rollercoaster
- The evolving ASC reimbursement landscape — 3 Qs with CEO Dr. Joe Smith
- 5 healthcare providers recognized for investing in frontline workers
- National healthcare scorecard: Where does your state rank?
- 15 physician salary statistics to know
- Former CVS exec can't work for Amazon's PillPack, judge rules
- 1 in 6 ER visits or hospital stays triggers 'surprise' bill

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- US News & World Report: Two Connecticut children's hospitals receive high rankings
- \$1 million gifted to Western Connecticut Health Network in Danbury
- Half of CT nursing homes rated above average for staffing levels
- UCONN move could be "game changer" for health care in CT and Waterbury
- New CT cost caps could chip away at rising healthcare spending

MAINE

- Dover-Foxcroft hospital is a step closer to a merger
- Mayo Regional, Northern Light move forward with deal
- Maine hospital fixes problems, announces CMS will continue funding
- Maine Department of Health and Human Services opens new headquarters
- Maine Approves Telehealth Coverage Parity, Embraces RPM Programs

- Rural Maine Hospital Closer to Merger With Large Network
- Mid Coast-Parkview, MaineHealth boards OK merger
- PBMC president named to Maine Hospital Association Board

MASSACHUSETTS

- U.S. News: Boston Children's Hospital Still the Best
- Dana-Farber revenue cycle leader Melissa Shore's daily mantra: 'No money, no mission'
- Boston Children's Hospital tackles pediatric mental health care shortage
- Massachusetts lawmakers demand transparency as hospitals funnel \$1.6B into offshore accounts
- As Massachusetts hospitals invest millions offshore, legislators push for greater transparency
- Brigham and Women's Faulkner plans \$250M expansion
- Boston Children's ranked top pediatric hospital for sixth year
- UMass Memorial Ready to Launch Telehealth Program for NICU Care

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire Tops Nat'l. List for Child Well-being
- Tech companies and healthcare: Is privacy at stake?

NEW YORK

- Carthage area hospital begins construction on new hospital site
- Oswego threatened to shut down nursing home over 'appalling' water leaks
- Mohawk Valley Health System medical staffs elect new officers
- Dr. Jonathan Wigderson elected as VP of New York health system
- Top Children's Hospitals In New York: U.S. News & World Report
- Northwell Health, Canyon Ranch form alliance
- Report: How New York's health care system ranks in U.S.
- Will New York halt for 5G health concerns?
- Triad firm partners with New York-based health system on AI
- NewYork-Presbyterian Among Nation's Best in Every Specialty Featured in U.S. News and World Report "Best Children's Hospitals" Survey
- Northwell Health's Michael Dowling named a Glassdoor Top CEO
- 2 New York healthcare providers lose EHR access following ransomware attacks

RHODE ISLAND

- Physician: Lack of hospital mergers led Rhode Island to miss out on 'world-class' health center
- Challenges remain as Rhode Island's key health care players discuss call for a local system

- Report: R.I. ranks No. 19 in nation for child well-being
- Neighborhood Health Station to be dedicated in Central Falls

VERMONT

- UVM Medical Center practices for Ebola scenario
- Vt. health officials conduct bioterror drill at VTC
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont & the UVM Medical Center create new PATH for chronic pain management
- Casey Foundation: Vermont 6th, NH first in child well-being

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Christiana Care is one of Computerworld's 'Best Places to Work in IT'
- Beebe's South Coastal Health Campus construction well under way
- New data shows children's well-being in Delaware remains average compared with rest of nation

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- How Virginia, DC Health Systems Rank In The U.S.
- Children's National named U.S. News top 10 pediatric hospital for third straight year
- GW Hospital operator 'no longer provides for needs of community,' LeBlanc says

MARYLAND

- Companies Settle Claims They Mised Maryland Health Exchange Officials
- Rockville medical network acquires two practices following \$32M raise
- Viela Bio secures \$75M Series B round. It's getting closer to bringing its lead candidate to market.
- Johns Hopkins Children's Center among country's top-ranked pediatric hospitals
- Former Sen. Francis Kelly declines to rejoin UMMS board

NEW JERSEY

- New Brunswick Children's Hospital Named One Of Best In U.S.
- The long game: New York Life tackles the costs associated with caring for an aging population
- State-of-the-art operating rooms open at Clara Maass Medical Center
- Jefferson Health's NJ hospitals receive recognition for stroke treatment
- RWJBarnabas Health and Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey Announce New \$750 Million State-of-the-Art, Free-Standing Cancer Pavilion in New Brunswick

PENNSYLVANIA

- UPMC Pinnacle Hanover bans stun guns following incident with patient on suicide watch

- Fox Chapel Cardiologist Convicted Of Healthcare Fraud
- Judge: UPMC-Highmark pact can't be extended
- Dr. Vicenta Gaspar-Yoo to lead Allegheny Valley Hospital as president
- 'Economic game-changer': Ground broken on Drexel/Tower Health medical school in Wyomissing
- Urgent Care Center operator opens sixth site in Philadelphia
- Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia Ranked No. 2 Children's Hospital In Country
- Modern Healthcare names four Philly execs among most influential
- How telemedicine helped this health system's patients avoid the ED
- St. Luke's to consolidate emergency services in Lehighton, close Palmerton's ER
- Geisinger cements interim chief exec Jaewon Ryu as CEO

VIRGINIA

- How Virginia, DC Health Systems Rank In The U.S.
- Ballad plans to reopen Lee County, Virginia hospital in fall 2020
- 8 UVA children's hospital specialties nationally ranked by U.S. News and World Report
- UVA Medical Center ranked No. 1 in state

WEST VIRGINIA

- Report on child health shows some improvements in West Virginia
- West Virginia leads nation in drug overdose deaths
- WVU Medicine Children's program climbs in national rankings

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- ChildServe announces \$10 million capital campaign
- University of Iowa Children's Hospital makes gains in national rankings
- DMOS reaches milestone in same-day total joint replacements
- Iowa's top health official abruptly resigns
- Iowa ranks high on child well-being report, though youth death rate inched up

KANSAS

- Kansas health system opens 7-OR surgery center, reserves inpatient for complex cases
- New report says Kansas fell in children's health ranking
- Commentary: Missouri and Kansas could do more for rural residents' health care needs
- Fast-growing OP health IT company acquires Houston-based software vendor

MINNESOTA

- Nurses strike deal with Children's Hospitals of Minnesota
- 11 Minnesota nursing homes on federal 'secret' list of troubled facilities
- Essentia Health announces regional senior vice president
- Minnesota Nurses Association, Children's Hospitals Reach Agreement
- St. Luke's installs Meditech EHR
- Three Twin Cities health systems reach tentative contracts with their nurses
- U of M, Children's Minnesota weighed hospital merger, but talks fell apart
- Children's Minnesota receives three national U.S. News & World Report rankings
- Pediatric powerhouse? Big hospital merger shelved between University of Minnesota, Children's Minnesota
- Minnesota nurses, Allina hospitals reach agreement on new contract
- UnitedHealth completes \$4.3 billion acquisition of DaVita physician group

MISSOURI

- Closed hospital in Ripley County will not reopen
- St. Louis-area children's hospitals earn top marks in U.S. News ranking
- SSM hiring for Wentzville, Lake Saint Louis, and St. Charles hospitals
- Children's Mercy earns even higher marks in latest U.S. News ranking
- Centene leads \$60M funding round for behavioral health startup
- Boone Hospital Center Trustees closer to deciding new management
- Ascension executive named to Missouri health board
- Ascension forms Post-Acute Services Division, names president

NEBRASKA

- CHI Health planning expansion in southeast Lincoln
- Florida Company Plans to Close 3 Nursing Homes in Nebraska
- Shortage of medical practitioners in rural Nebraska
- Nebraska's AG is lone holdout in pursuing opioid cases

NORTH DAKOTA

- FTC wins appeal to block healthcare system deal in North Dakota
- Appeals Court Upholds Decision Against Sanford Acquisition

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Appeals Court Upholds Decision Against Sanford Acquisition
- Avera Ranked 1st In Nation For Long-Term Care Resident Experience

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Suburban Chicago Hospital Seeking New Buyer, Could Close
- Four SNFs, physical therapy center to pay \$9.7 million in 'upcoding' case
- Chicago's hospital market fragmented at the top
- Physician-led urgent care center supports violence prevention in Chicago
- Chicago biotech sues Third Rock, bluebird bio CEO over gene therapy license
- UChicago spin-out NowPow aims to improve 'whole person care'
- Medical records found blowing away outside shuttered Illinois medical facility
- Illinois hospital has 2 options after operator drops out: close or turn outpatient
- Rush hospital permanently closing kids' inpatient mental health unit

INDIANA

- AI-powered clinical documentation boosts patient satisfaction and physician well-being
- IU Health set to break ground on next Fort Wayne facility
- Hospital in transition: Records show more details behind CEO's departure
- Physician exposes dangerous practice involving high-risk pregnancies at Indiana hospital
- Union Health breaks ground on east side clinic
- Franciscan Health to open new psychiatric stabilization unit
- How IU Health is expanding veterans' access to urgent care
- Franciscan Health Mooresville Announces Expansion
- Louisville health care company to establish Indiana operations, create up to 850 jobs
- Indiana hospital to add \$17M medical office building
- Indiana hospital breaks ground on \$4M surgery center

KENTUCKY

- Louisville senior living provider is paying for employees' college tuition
- Six Kentucky Facilities Mentioned in Report on Underperforming Nursing Homes
- UofL ends talks of buying Kentucky One Health
- Despite failed deal with U of L, Jewish Hospital won't close anytime soon, Bendapudi says
- Kentucky health system plans \$80K acquisition, ambulatory facility creation
- Ruling on Kentucky law undermines patient-physician relationship
- Signature HealthCARE Eyes SNF Specialization with Dialyze Direct Partnership

- Outsourcing Wave Continues as Pikeville Medical Agrees to Sell Home Health Division
- Louisville health care company to establish Indiana operations, create up to 850 jobs
- Payoff Will Be Billions if Louisville Can Be Best at Aging Innovation

MICHIGAN

- Rural Healthcare Crisis: Research Says 1 in 4 Rural Michigan Hospitals At Risk Of Closing
- Michigan hospital opens expanded outpatient center
- Oversight board flags 'deterioration of care' at Detroit Medical Center
- U.S. Dept. of Labor: 6 Beaumont health centers pay back almost \$1M in back wages
- Health system opens \$5.6M suburban facility
- Hospitals honored for maternity care

OHIO

- Kettering Health Network opens Troy hospital
- Crystal Clinic preparing backup location for Fairlawn hospital
- Mercy Health-Cincinnati names Justin Krueger North market president
- Ohio medical practice hacked, pays \$75K in ransom: report
- Cleveland Clinic Akron General expands physician training program
- OhioHealth's Dave Blom reflects on a long career building the region's largest health system
- Mercy Health nurses to vote on new contract following strike
- Two Ohio children's hospitals named among best in nation
- How does Cincinnati Children's stack up against the country's best hospitals?
- Ohio urology practice told to pay \$75K in cyberattack
- Nurses At Ohio Hospital Reject Contract Agreement
- Cleveland Clinic is Ohio's largest employer; Amazon rising on the list

WISCONSIN

- Ascension closing Eagle River Memorial's outpatient surgery department
- Wisconsin joins lawsuit against federal rule allowing doctors to opt out of health care based on beliefs
- Promoting Telemedicine in La Crosse
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin ranked among nation's best
- Health officials say "Telehealth" has promise of closing the health care gap in Wisconsin
- Joint Finance votes to include \$10 million in state budget for MCW cancer research facility

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Children's Of Alabama Among Best Children's Hospitals In US](#)
- [New president named at St. Vincent's Birmingham and Chilton](#)
- [Bham execs land leadership roles at Alabama Hospital Association](#)

FLORIDA

- [Florida pharmacy owner gets 6 year sentence for role in \\$2.2M fraud scheme](#)
- [Florida law incentivizes patients to shop for lower prices](#)
- [St. Johns, other area counties sue Big Pharma over opioids](#)
- [Hospital system board approves governance structure change](#)
- [Poinciana Medical Center to open full-service emergency department in ChampionsGate](#)
- [Orlando Health, AdventHealth children's hospitals make national rankings](#)
- [Here's where HCA plans to build yet another local freestanding ER](#)
- [LRMC wound care center recognized for service](#)
- [Kendall Regional Medical Center Become the Next Generation of Doctors](#)

GEORGIA

- [Dunn named CFO at St. Mary's](#)
- [Georgia health system was blindsided by 12-cardiologist exodus](#)
- [Georgia continues to rank near the bottom in health care](#)
- [Top Children's Hospital In Georgia: U.S. News & World Report](#)
- [Georgia Telemedicine Initiative Bolsters Health in Rural Areas](#)
- [Atlanta Children's Hospital Ranked Among Nation's Best | Patch PM](#)
- [Helicopter service pulls out of operations base at Redmond](#)
- [Georgia hospital alerts 10,970 patients of data breach](#)
- [New CEO named for Emory University Hospital](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Memorial Hospital at Gulfport achieves Healthgrades Award](#)
- [Mississippi steady in annual child well-being ranking](#)
- [Group's 2010 report warned on Mississippi mental health care](#)
- [Baptist-North Mississippi Receives ACC Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI Accreditation](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [UNC Health Care Suspends Some Complex Heart Surgeries At Children's Hospital](#)
- [Surgery center names new nurse manager](#)

- UNC Children's Hospital pausing complex heart surgeries following critical report
- 'We have no intention of leaving North Carolina,' Atrium Health CFO says
- Mission Health Names CEO of Flagship Hospital in Asheville
- Asheville's Mission Hospital names HCA Healthcare vet as new CEO
- Top Atrium exec threatened to move hospital system out of NC, state leaders say
- Mission Health announces Chad Patrick as new CEO of Mission Hospital
- Big physician network signs onto state treasurer's pricing program
- Triad firm partners with New York-based health system on AI
- House speaker says they're close to agreement on Vidant funding
- North Carolina VA hospital bought \$2.3 million surgical robot without permission
- 2 Triangle hospitals ranked on new U.S. News Best Children's Hospitals list
- UNC Children's releases risk-adjusted mortality data after yearlong legal fight with New York Times

SOUTH CAROLINA

- CareSouth Carolina opens state-of-the-art McColl facility
- SC hospitals need approval to buy equipment over \$600K. Some leaders call that restrictive.
- Lexington Medical Center expands to Northeast Columbia
- South Carolina hospital expanding, building surgery center — 3 insights

TENNESSEE

- Jamestown hospital temporarily closes amidst financial woes, loss of Medicare funding
- Planning Commission approves construction plan for new Knoxville Rehabilitation Hospital
- HCA fires back in lawsuit over ER 'cover charge'
- New CEO up for challenge after Tennessee hospital loses Medicare contract
- California publicly traded pharmaceutical company to move headquarters to Nashville
- Vandy Children's Hospital expands to meet patient needs
- Ballad Health merger scrutinized in Federal Trade Commission panel
- Harrow Health Locates Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee
- Nashville General Opens Midtown Clinic for Primary Care and Medical Specialties

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Council approves MRMC nonprofit status change
- Arkansas Children's Hospital Named Level 1 Surgical Center

- Arkansas Children's earns highest recognition by American College of Surgeons
- De Queen Hospital Owner Leaves Sevier County in the Lurch
- Fayetteville hospital to build upgraded cancer support home

ARIZONA

- Patients frustrated over computer system outage at Abrazo Health Hospitals
- Phoenix Children's earns top rankings in U.S. News and World Report
- Banner Health opens first urgent care location downtown
- Only one Arizona hospital makes US News' best children's hospitals list

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner Health System is addressing innovation inside and outside the hospital
- Vath named CEO at Louisiana's Franciscan Missionaries
- Ochsner Hospital for Children Named a 'Best Children's Hospital' by U.S. News & World Report in Two Specialties
- Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System selects Dr. Richard Vath as CEO
- New Orleans East Hospital is providing superior care in the East

NEW MEXICO

- UNMH workers picket for better pay
- New Mexico hospital employee overdosed in patient's room, lawsuit claims
- NM officials struggle to regulate air ambulance fees
- New Mexico once again ranks last in nation for childhood well-being

OKLAHOMA

- DOJ: 3 physicians, 5 marketers charged for violations to federal anti-kickback statutes
- Oklahoma Supreme Court Says Medicaid Expansion Campaign Can Proceed
- McBride Orthopedic Hospital opens outpatient surgery center
- Oklahoma medical examiner testifies in state opioid lawsuit
- Oklahoma's health system among the nation's worst, study finds
- Oklahoma Supreme Court to hear legal challenge to Medicaid expansion
- Rural hospital network throws support behind Medicaid expansion
- Oklahoma ranks 42 in the nation for overall well-being of kids, new data says
- Northeast Tech hopes to bridge rural healthcare gap in Oklahoma

TEXAS

- Hospital developers pay \$1.1M to settle False Claims Act allegation
- Medical City Healthcare appoints CEO for 2 hospitals

- Texas Hospital Association partners with Caravan Health in statewide accountable care organization
- MCHS CFO appointed interim CEO
- Texarkana hospital recognized for stroke care
- Seton Healthcare now Ascension Seton
- Texas Medical Association Names Local CEO
- Houston Methodist CEO looks to the next 100 years
- Houston hospitals ranks among top children's hospitals in the nation
- Texas hospital launches telemedicine services for cardiac patients
- Texas hospital in jeopardy after tax proposal fails
- Dallas Physician Suspended by Texas Medical Board
- Texas Is Latest State To Attack Surprise Medical Bills
- Texas Children's Hospital Named Nation's Third Best For Kids
- Officials: Hospital's impact to Central Texas remains significant
- Texas Children's Hospital earns top pediatric cardiology, heart surgery ranking
- Driscoll Health System appoints Justin Box CIO
- Woodland Heights Medical Center names new CEO
- North Texas' Best Children's Hospital, According to U.S. News
- Texas Health Sports Medicine breaks ground in Allen

NORTHWEST

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

IDAHO

- Idaho hospital opens new orthopedic and sports medicine clinic
- Saint Als to demolish old Nampa hospital
- Surgical group announces joint venture with Eastern Idaho hospitals (access required)
- EIRMC emergency care wins national recognition

MONTANA

- Billings hospital looks back on 40 years of helicopter emergency services
- Montana Ranks Low In Children's Health, Average On Overall Well-being
- Montana hospital plans medical office building with surgery center
- Montana State Hospital: Lack of resources for discharged patients
- Montana medical facilities announce construction plans
- Nursing head to lead Montana Children's

OREGON

- Report urges Portland hospitals not to criminalize homelessness and mental illness
- Medicaid budget could be trimmed across the board
- University of Oregon-OHSU team up on big data initiative
- Oregon Senate passes 60-day notice bill for drug price hikes
- Oregon lawmakers aim to ensure hospitals aid community
- Oregon sets national standard for nonprofit hospitals

WASHINGTON

- Providence St. Joseph invests \$1.6B in social determinants of health
- Washington hospital charged thousands of patients hidden ER fee, lawsuit claims
- EMR problems result in paper documentation at Washington hospital since Saturday

WYOMING

- In Rural Wyoming, This Program Is Designed To Help Patients Manage Medical Needs
- Wyoming ranks 49th on national report for children's health for second straight year
- Local health care providers feel CNA shortage
- Wyoming pharma company closing in September; 80 expected to lose jobs

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Tenet-affiliated hospital building \$13.3M medical office building in California
- Modesto's Central Valley hospital goes above and beyond to boost patient outcomes
- Kaiser Permanente announces new headquarters in California
- California publicly traded pharmaceutical company to move headquarters to Nashville

COLORADO

- Patients in Banner emergency rooms to get answers from 'chatbot'
- St. Thomas More Hospital CEO Kristi Olson: Incredible people on a mission
- Colorado hospital faces lawsuit from dozens of patients over 'severe infections' causing at least 1 death: report
- Family Health West CEO to retire
- Colorado hospital's failure to clean equipment causes 'hundreds of infections', lawsuit alleges
- Family Health West selects successor to retiring executive
- Colorado attorney general files complaint in merger of Denver-based DaVita, UnitedHealth subsidiaries
- UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital Offers Services For Douglas County

- Memorial Regional Health: Clearing up misconceptions
- UnitedHealth completes \$4.3 billion acquisition of DaVita physician group

HAWAII

- National Cancer Institute boosts UH Cancer Center support to \$8.4M
- Kaiser Sues Hawaii Hospital System for Billing Practices
- Ige OKs \$22.5M for Maui Health System
- Hawaii State Hospital to go digital
- Hawaii Has The Lowest Health Care Costs, Thanks To Strong State Laws

NEVADA

- Nevada law aims to protect health care workers from on-the-job violence
- Nevada sues opioid manufacturers, distributors
- New Study Show Nevada Ranked 47th for Well-Being of Children
- Nevada targets 40 pharmaceutical companies in expanded opioid lawsuit

UTAH

- Utah ranks 7th in nation for child well-being, but many children lack insurance
- Aaron Wood named Rural Hospital CEO of the Year