

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JULY 26, 2019

NATIONAL

- More mega-mergers in Q2 drive healthcare mergers and acquisitions activity to near-historic levels
- Mounting battle between Amazon's PillPack and Surescripts over access to patient data
- Outmigration of cardiology — Logistical challenges for ASCs + how hospitals are bracing for volume loss
- 2 payment models incentivizing cost-effective joint replacements
- Noteworthy CMS announcements, actions in July
- Telehealth services expand at state level, but adoption barriers remain
- American College of Surgeons introduces a new standardized program for hospitals devoted to high-quality surgical care for older adults
- False Claims Act settlements top \$750M in first half of 2019
- CMS releases new rules for nursing homes
- CMS' Verma blasts 'Medicare for All,' public option in rhetoric ramp up
- HHS funding new rural workforce programs to the tune of \$20M
- HHS, DOD boost superbug fight with \$97M investment
- Malls are filling their empty spaces with doctor's offices
- HHS Chief: Medicare Payment Should be 'Patient-Centered'
- UPS wants to bring drone deliveries to hospitals across the US
- Amazon's fight over patient data could lead to lawsuit
- UPS launches drone business to hospitals
- Hospitals are offering free hernia screenings, but do patients need them?
- Where states stand on surprise-billing approaches
- HRSA Awards \$20M to Bolster Rural Workforce, Residency Programs
- Shortage of primary physicians could spell trouble as boomer generation ages

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- How a Connecticut hospital upended its traditional pharmacy staffing model
- Explosion at Norwalk Hospital injures two
- Sharon Hospital receives top safety grade from nationwide watchdog group

MAINE

- Troubled Lewiston hospital group is now in stable condition, CEO says
- Maine Medical Association names new CEO
- Maine Med gets \$726K for rural medical training
- Hospital celebrates employees' 2,100 combined years of service
- As Northern Light Health looks to borrow \$34M, credit agencies more confident it can repay it
- Nurses at a second Down East hospital clash with management over a new contract

MASSACHUSETTS

- Harvard Med: BCBS of Massachusetts' global payments may slow spending growth
- Massachusetts hospital to close ER
- A nursing home chain grows too fast and collapses, and elderly and disabled residents pay the price
- Massachusetts hospital loses power for 7 hours - Here's how clinicians responded
- Massachusetts Moves To Negotiate Medicaid Drug Prices
- Mass. Nursing Homes Get \$50 Million Lifeline, But More Closures Are Expected

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Medicaid service upgrades become NH law
- N.H.'s Medicaid Work Requirement Goes Before Federal Judge

NEW YORK

- New York nursing school granted \$2.8M for rural telehealth training
- St. Luke Health launches telemedicine program for after hours care: 3 notes
- New York had most out-of-network charges for in-network inpatient stays in 2017
- NYC Health + Hospitals expanding resources for diabetic patients
- New York cites nursing home for violations after resident death
- New York's Mount Sinai to invest \$1B in facility improvements
- How 4 hospital pharmacies are improving operations
- NYC Health + Hospitals' new program applies telehealth, digital tools for diabetes management
- New York imposes stricter policies for freestanding ASC developments
- New York expands mental health telemedicine regulations
- Albany Med nurses nix picket after hospital alleges unfair labor practice
- Why New York nurses want more mental health resources

RHODE ISLAND

- Thundermist Health Center expands Woonsocket holdings

- R.I. public spending on health ninth-highest per capita in nation
- BehaveCare changes name to Upward Health, finishes \$8M round of funding

VERMONT

- Springfield Hospital Argues Against Additional Oversight In Bankruptcy Court
- UVMHC joins network to treat patients with complex lung disease
- Southern Vermont Health Care receives donation for cancer center
- Vermonters urge regulators to deny health insurance rate hikes to BCBS and MVP
- UVMHN and D-H part of consortium to eliminate 'chemicals of concerns'
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center imaging department earns accreditation

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- State funding uncertain for 2 Delaware rural hospital plans
- Decision looms on whether Sussex hospitals can open new ERs
- Health care center developer moves office from Wilmington to Media
- ManorCare evaluating patients and staff after shooting
- Peninsula Regional completes Nanticoke deal
- Peninsula Regional Health System to acquire Nanticoke hospital
- Delaware makes headway in driving down state's cancer death rates

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Children's National, KenSci studying the use of AI to improve pediatric critical care
- The Collapse of the DC Cancer Consortium Left Gaps in D.C.'s Cancer Care Network
- Woman sues GW Hospital for surgical complications in 2016
- Robots make the rounds

MARYLAND

- CMS approves Johns Hopkins to develop diagnostic imaging criteria
- Labor groups rally at Johns Hopkins Hospital against medical debt lawsuits
- University of Maryland School of Medicine set to train more doctors for rural areas
- Protest at Johns Hopkins Hospital targets lawsuits against low-income patients
- MedStar Montgomery Medical Center and JSSA Introduce New Inpatient Hospice Care
- LifeBridge Health creates virtual hospital
- Doctors Community Health System joins Anne Arundel Medical Center for more care

- [Adventist HealthCare to acquire small Prince George's hospital](#)

NEW JERSEY

- [Family sues after high school principal dies from donating bone marrow to save a boy](#)
- [Geisinger to spend \\$24 million to update and add health care facilities in Centre County](#)
- [NJ Department of Health Awards New Jersey Hospital Association \\$3.1 Million to Enhance Statewide Emergency Preparedness through Health Care Coalitions](#)
- [Ladue health and wellness center expands to East Coast](#)
- [NJHA to enhance statewide emergency preparedness with \\$3.1M NJDOH grant](#)
- [N.J. scores surprisingly well on home health care costs, study finds](#)
- [Jefferson Health Uses mHealth to Refine the Care Management Conversation](#)
- [NJ, citing 'questionable' costs, pushes for more transparency at private hospitals](#)
- [A look at Clara Maass Medical Center's new emergency department](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- [4 Philly health organizations partner to save St. Christopher's Hospital for Children](#)
- [Officials: Hospital may bring \\$200 million to area in 2020](#)
- [Allegheny Health Network to build \\$16M sports medicine complex in Pennsylvania](#)
- [Pennsylvania hospital, software firm sue each other for alleged data, software theft](#)
- [Drexel to lay off 40% of medical staff, faculty amid Hahnemann Hospital closure](#)
- [Newest Innovation in Radiation Treatment for Cancer to be Installed at Reading Hospital](#)
- [Just 30 patients remain at Hahnemann University Hospital, residents tell judge](#)
- [Biotech Tour: Inside That Enormous Life Sciences Co-Working Campus in King of Prussia](#)
- [Pennsylvania long-term care hospital to close](#)
- [Hahnemann, Tower Health residency program sale to take longer than planned](#)
- [Pittsburg health center to establish rural residency program to address physician shortage](#)
- [DePasquale: Pa. faces 'crisis' shortage in nursing home staffing](#)
- [Ellwood City's hospital/medical district zoning challenged](#)
- [Geisinger to spend \\$24 million to update and add health care facilities in Centre County](#)
- [Philly Pharmacy To Pay \\$400K For Bogus Medicare Billing: Feds](#)
- [Hospital-owned ASC doesn't get tax exemption, Pennsylvania court says](#)
- [As Hahnemann's patient count dwindles to single digits, Temple and Jefferson see uptick in patients](#)
- [Penn State Health seeks to build acute care hospital](#)
- [DePasquale: PA ill-prepared to serve fast-growing number of older adults](#)

- Pennsylvania hospital closure may drive up out-of-pocket costs for employees

VIRGINIA

- Virginia Bio Names John Newby CEO
- New Virginia Shore health center set to open in early 2020
- Kaiser Permanente to build 5-story medical center in Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA

- Unseen Impacts of Opioid Epidemic: More Autopsies, Staff Shortages and Transporting the Dead
- Opioid crisis reaches all corners of West Virginia, leaving few untouched
- West Virginia hospital launches telehealth program for diabetes patients
- WVU Medicine East appoints behavioral health director

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Opioid deaths in Iowa decline 33 percent in 2018, aided by strengthened regulation
- UIHC seeks to raise level of patient satisfaction
- Iowa Hospital Opens Lobby Safety Store, Includes Injury-Prevention Education
- Iowa hospital offers short-stay knee replacement
- Bats raise safety concerns at U of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
- UnityPoint Health-Des Moines selected for national clinical initiative

KANSAS

- Mayoral forum to focus on city's health issues
- Wesley Healthcare names chief medical officer after Ekengren retirement
- Lessons In Philanthropy: Three Decades Of Improving Health In Kansas
- Lenexa officially signs off on AdventHealth's plan for City Center
- Breakthrough or boondoggle? KU Hospital inks \$40M deal for controversial proton beam
- HaysMed Orthopedic Institute receives durable medical equipment reaccreditation

MINNESOTA

- A 75-year-old hospital in Minnesota completes its latest makeover
- Children's Minnesota CEO Dr. Marc Gorelick's top piece of advice: Don't underestimate the power of appreciation
- Insurance startup Bright Health to double its market footprint next year
- Minnesota DHS official says she was punished for speaking out
- New Minnesota law seeks transparency in medical billing

- Advocates disagree on whether new Minnesota law will reduce surprises in health care bills
- Minnesota hospital to affiliate with Sanford Health for EHR access
- Local hospital leaders recognized by Minnesota Hospital Association for completing comprehensive training
- BCBS of Minnesota defends restrictive policies that hospitals call unlawful
- Minnesota's law to improve cost transparency takes effect next month

MISSOURI

- CMH announces ER partnership
- University of Missouri brings a bold new generation of precision health care
- New skilled nursing facility in Blue Springs will cater to 'luxury rehab'
- St. Louis health plan trained doctors to overbill Medicare, lawsuit alleges
- SSM's joint drug nonprofit selects manufacturer for 14 generic medications
- Ladue health and wellness center expands to East Coast
- Missouri Medicaid panel chairman removed amid drop in rolls
- Chair of Missouri Medicaid panel booted as questions swirl about drop in health care rolls
- SMDH receives STEMI designation to treat serious heart attacks
- Nurse alleges age discrimination in lawsuit against Missouri hospital

NEBRASKA

- Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020
- Officials worry about Nebraska children's health care fund
- Health insurer plans to expand to Nebraska next year
- UNMC receives millions in grant funding for the shortage of geriatrics
- Longtime surgeon becomes Methodist Hospital's chief medical officer

NORTH DAKOTA

- Elevated opioid risks found at Native American hospitals
- Reyman 'can't thank the Dickinson community enough,' reflects on 10 years at CHI
- Judge affirms dismissal of opioid lawsuit brought by North Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health To Temporarily Stop Using Devices From One Of Its Surgeons
- Minnesota hospital to affiliate with Sanford Health for EHR access
- RLMC signs agreement with Sanford Health
- Sanford suspends use of medical devices amid investigation
- Inspector general says reservation hospital still struggles

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- [University of Chicago to pay \\$2.6M in malpractice lawsuit](#)
- [UChicago Med Nurses are Rallying Outside the Hospital on Monday. Here's Why](#)
- [Ingalls Hospital to stop inpatient pediatric services, less than three years after joining University of Chicago Medicine](#)
- [Late Medicare pay may close Bethalto nursing home](#)
- [Owner says Metro East nursing home is closing due to lack of Medicaid payments](#)
- [Nick Turkal to leave Advocate Aurora as system drops co-CEO model](#)
- [St. Joseph Hospital celebrates 150 years of care in Chicago](#)
- [Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020](#)
- [Memorial Medical Center VP tapped to become next Decatur Memorial CEO](#)

INDIANA

- [\\$3 million pediatrics practice under construction in Crown Point](#)
- [Indiana University Health builds a supply chain \(and a distribution center\)](#)
- [Riley Hospital stops accepting children at inpatient behavioral health center](#)
- [Parkview Health, Ivy Tech Reach Unique Agreement](#)
- [IU Health opens second Fort Wayne location](#)
- [Parkview Huntington Seeks to Fill Rural Healthcare Void](#)
- [New Director Chosen for Regenstrief Institute](#)
- [Biomedical Company Signs Deal with UK Distributor](#)
- [Indiana children's hospital shuts psychiatric unit](#)

KENTUCKY

- [UofL expert touts cancer breakthroughs with immunotherapy](#)
- [Norton Healthcare's Kempf named to national CFOs to know list](#)
- [Another blow for Jewish Hospital: It's suspending heart transplants](#)
- [Humana realigns home care, names division leader](#)
- [Humana expands orthopedic bundles](#)
- [Louisville's Thrive Center forges alliance with national innovation group](#)
- [Apellis expands C-suite amid plans to double its workforce](#)
- [A top Humana official is retiring soon](#)
- [Passport Health Plan looking for partner on stalled West End campus](#)

MICHIGAN

- Health system partnering with med school
- Bronson Healthcare cuts 72 jobs
- DCHS sets hearing on \$25M in borrowing
- Helen Newberry Joy Hospital selects Hunter Nostrant as CEO
- UM-Dearborn, Henry Ford Health System team up for a trend-bucking new internship program
- Michigan HIPAA business associates alerts 15,000 patients of data breach
- Michigan health system unveils 'smarter heart' telehealth program
- Rural Michigan needs doctors. Paying their debts may be an answer
- University working to get more students to work as nurse practitioners in rural Michigan areas
- Michigan hospital moving outpatient surgery center into new \$160M patient tower
- Michigan hospital partners with University of Toledo Orthopedics
- Sparrow Hospital prevails in accreditation challenge
- SVSU gets \$2.8M grant to combat opioid abuse in Mid-Michigan

OHIO

- Mount Carmel names interim CEO following resignation of former leader
- Ohio hospital system gets new leader after drug-dose deaths
- A year later, hospital system stands behind Good Sam closing
- Aultman Health Foundation realigns top management
- Ohio health system splits CEO role
- Upscale \$23M hospital to be built in Greater Cincinnati
- Stephen Markovich: fighter pilot, doctor and now CEO of OhioHealth
- Mercy Health paid \$6 million to settle Armstrong family's wrongful death claims
- Everest Rehabilitation Hospitals Announces the Construction of Another New Physical Rehabilitation Hospital in Liberty Township
- Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020
- Largest development in city to take place of Deaconess Hospital in Clifton
- Michigan hospital partners with University of Toledo Orthopedics
- Ohio funds expansion of health IT initiative to teach data science to young students
- Ohio doctors, patients frustrated by policy that requires switching medications: Survey finds
- Dr. John Langell named NEOMED president, puts focus on fixing health care

WISCONSIN

- West Allis approves \$33M behavioral health hospital

- Report: 11 Wisconsin hospitals stopped delivering babies
- Wisconsin health system to outsource health information management jobs, lay off 46 employees
- Nick Turkal to leave Advocate Aurora as system drops co-CEO model
- Rural placements for nursing students help address rural health-care shortage
- CEO Q&A: Terry Rowinski, Health Payment Systems, Inc.
- Medicaid expansion still on the table

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Meet Asteroid, Alabama's first hospital facility dog and Huntsville Hospital's new employee
- Stacy Vasquez takes the reins at the Birmingham VA hospital
- Alabama medical center shuts down computer systems after cybersecurity incident
- Huntsville Hospital's NICU getting more patient beds

FLORIDA

- Florida critical access hospital struggles to stay open 9 months after hurricane
- UF Health contests North Florida psychiatric hospital
- Hospital system scores big gains in residency program
- CBS12 News Investigates: Nursing home shortage in Florida
- AdventHealth to invest \$17M in women's hospital project
- South Florida biotech raises \$56M in Series A funding
- Bayfront opens cardiovascular center
- South Florida Surgical Oncology, A 21st Century Oncology practice, performs its first robotic-assisted operation
- Kimberly J. Commins-Tzoumakas: "Leaders need to learn from people with different knowledge and life experiences"
- Erik Wangsness named CEO of AdventHealth Wesley Chapel hospital
- Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020
- AdventHealth Wesley Chapel names new CEO
- Construction progresses on AdventHealth Deltona ER
- UF Health unveils \$30M burn-and-wound care unit
- Florida Supreme Court Agrees To Take Hospital ER Liability Case

GEORGIA

- Fresh renderings: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's \$1.3B Brookhaven hospital
- HHS awards \$750K to Georgia hospital for telehealth

- Illustrations of CHOA's \$1.3B hospital show glass tower, green spaces
- Emory Healthcare recognized for supporting frontline health care staff
- South Georgia Medical Center awarded accreditation
- EMH Offering New And Improved Services
- St. Mary's system contributes \$440 million to Athens area economy

MISSISSIPPI

- Gulf Coast Mental Health Center to close its doors at clinics in four South Mississippi counties
- How 4 hospital pharmacies are improving operations
- Mississippi hospital uses telehealth to educate patients on prescription medications
- Mississippi Baptist Medical Center Patient Education and Meds-to-Beds Program Improves Patient Health
- Critical Access: What Mississippi counties are giving away for ambulance service
- Hospital association floats plan for Medicaid reform
- Forrest General's Hospice ranks in top 5% in national survey

NORTH CAROLINA

- County Commissioners considering sale of New Hanover Regional Medical Center to 'larger healthcare system'
- UNC Health Care Partners with ParcelShield to Protect Medication Deliveries
- A sense of urgency: Clinics that offer convenient care are popping up across the state
- 6 months after Mission Health-HCA deal, NC attorney general says 'We feel good about it'
- North Carolina State Health Plan extends sign-up period, boosts reimbursement offer
- As county considers selling NHRMC, a closer look at some of the frequently asked questions
- Cone Health works to fix racial disparities in health care
- Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020
- New Hanover County mulls NHRMC sale: Why now , what would change, and what remains unknown?
- DHHS workers, facing move to Granville County, speak out at town hall
- As county considers selling NHRMC, a closer look at some of the frequently asked questions
- Eastern NC mental health unit slated for closure
- Medicaid expansion a sticking point for North Carolina budget talks

SOUTH CAROLINA

- SC Hospital Partners With Publix for Telehealth Kiosks, Prescriptions
- A large, new medical building is coming to Beaufort. What it could mean for patients
- SC lawmakers say they may subpoena records on patient death
- Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020

- [How 4 hospital pharmacies are improving operations](#)

TENNESSEE

- [CHS shares rebound after closing at all-time low](#)
- [TriStar Centennial names CFO](#)
- [Quorum will stay on NYSE following April warning](#)
- [Memphis nursing home tied to national investigation into patient neglect and mismanagement](#)
- [HealthStream to add 50 employees by year's end](#)
- [Tennessee Creates EHR Task Force to Address Health IT Needs](#)
- [Erlanger plans to open two new medical facilities in Cleveland, Tennessee](#)
- [Tennessee official appoints EHR task force chairman](#)
- [Jackson-Madison Co. General Hospital confirms 'electronic systems' issue](#)
- [Cleveland chiropractor named in fed, state lawsuit](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- [Washington Regional teams up with Urgent Care network](#)
- [UAMS chancellor touts financial health, cancer-killing lasers, salad-making robot](#)
- [Doug, Shelley McMillon Give \\$1 Million To Mercy Northwest Arkansas](#)
- [New law gives Arkansas pharmacists ability to give immunizations to kids](#)
- [Arkansas Children's joins trend of locally-made podcasts](#)

ARIZONA

- [Hacienda Children's Hospital to close due to 'enormous unbudgeted costs'](#)
- [Phoenix Children's Hospital using analytics to improve patient outcomes](#)
- [Elevated opioid risks found at Native American hospitals](#)
- [New Colorado City medical facility begins construction, hiring processes](#)
- [Phoenix Hospital Network Expands in North Valley](#)
- [Phoenix hospital network expands spine, orthopedic services](#)

LOUISIANA

- [Louisiana nurses granted multistate license](#)
- [Ochsner Health Center opens at site blighted since Katrina](#)
- [CHRISTUS Health Plan expands access to reach East, Central Louisiana](#)
- [North Oaks Health System's Steven Ceulemans selected to lead health district](#)

- [SouthStar Urgent Care Poised to Triple Clinic Footprint in 2019](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Elevated opioid risks found at Native American hospitals](#)
- [HRSA Awards \\$20M to Bolster Rural Workforce, Residency Programs](#)
- [After nursing home closes, rural New Mexico city searches for solutions](#)
- [New Mexico hospital to open 3 ASCs](#)
- [UNMH Receives Stroke Care Award](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Elevated opioid risks found at Native American hospitals](#)
- [Federal Government Rejects Plan To Bring Medicare Dollars To Oklahoma Nursing Homes](#)
- [Bright Health brings its groundbreaking Health Plan Care Partner Model to 13 new markets for 2020](#)
- [Presbyterian Health Foundation awards \\$3.9 million in research grants](#)
- [Children's Hospital to open newly expanded Pediatric Intensive Care Unit](#)

TEXAS

- [A Staff Shortage Will Suspend Labor and Delivery at Texas Health Stephenville](#)
- [David Callender is new president and CEO of Memorial Hermann Health](#)
- [Texas Unveils New Hospital Unit for Veterans](#)
- [UMC, Texas Tech partner to open Children's Behavioral Health Clinic](#)
- [Texas hospital earns award for orthopedic care](#)
- [Tenet makes bid for California hospital](#)
- [Medical Center of Southeast Texas names new president](#)
- [4 East Texas long-term care facilities receive national recognition](#)
- [Jorge Trevino appointed CEO of Baptist Medical Center in San Antonio](#)
- [Andy Davis named CEO of Ascension Texas](#)
- [The Medical Center of Southeast Texas selects Craig Desmond as president](#)
- [University Health System Proceeds with \\$500M Expansion](#)
- [Tenet to spin off revenue cycle subsidiary Conifer Health Solutions](#)
- [How 4 hospital pharmacies are improving operations](#)
- [Parkland Hospital is offering a tax rate cut — something unheard of in years](#)
- [Hackers gain access to 3,700 patient records at Texas hospital](#)

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- New hospital administrator details future plans
- Alaska hospital association sues state over fast-paced rate cut
- ‘Strengthening the System’ comprehensive mental health plan for Alaska finalized

IDAHO

- New medical complex in Meridian will have 24/7 urgent care
- Health care in Meridian and interview with Tom Mortell of Hawley Troxell
- Saint Al's in Nampa designated as a trauma center
- New standards aim to improve surgery for the oldest patients

MONTANA

- Montana children's hospital reopens after patient's death
- New machine at Montana hospital saves baby born 132 days premature
- Shodair Children's Hospital reopens their doors
- How Robo-Surgery Could Help Save Lives In Rural Montana
- Kalispell Regional board gets new members

OREGON

- Trillium Community Health Plan Appoints Christopher Hummer To CEO
- Looking Glass mental health care facility expands services

WASHINGTON

- Washington ASC suffered one of this year's biggest healthcare data breaches
- 150+ employees potentially exposed to dangerous bacteria at Seattle hospital
- How Virginia Mason Health System's CIO is using technology to tackle the gaps in care
- Virginia Mason Named Founding Partner of NHL Seattle, New Arena and Official Health Care Provider with Regional Medical Clinic at Practice Facility

WYOMING

- Saratoga medical clinic remains open, receiving patients
- Filling the void: Navy surgeon, special forces medic start Jackson Hole's first air ambulance
- Alive, but at what cost? Air ambulance service in rural communities is necessary but expensive.

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- California hospital nurses authorize strike

- [Sonoma Valley Hospital closes on parcel sale](#)
- [University of California Health selects Dr. Carrie Byington as executive VP](#)
- [Ninth Circuit Revives Nursing Home Dumping Suit](#)
- [Tenet makes bid for California hospital](#)
- [Radiology Partners receives \\$700M for future hospital partnerships, innovation](#)
- [Prosecutors: Hospital owner to plead guilty to new counts](#)
- [Former Sutter IT exec said management fired him for reporting patient care failures](#)
- [85,000 Kaiser Permanente workers to vote on giving union OK to call strike](#)
- [Physician compensation, net worth in California](#)

COLORADO

- [Colorado medical center to launch telehealth services for neurology, behavioral health patients](#)
- [Colorado hospital to resume transplant surgeries year later](#)
- [Aurora Mental Health Center pushing for sales tax increase to fund more services](#)
- [Report compares cost and quality at Colorado hospitals](#)
- [Larimer health district medical director retires](#)
- [Bankruptcy judge sets deadlines in Lake Loveland Dermatology case](#)
- [UCHealth Greeley gets Joint Commission accreditation](#)

HAWAII

- [Diegel hired as chief strategy officer for Maui Health System](#)
- [NHCH Primary Care Clinic adds wound care services](#)
- [Maui Doctor Pleads Guilty To Health Care Fraud](#)

NEVADA

- [Touro University Nevada offers mobile healthcare clinics in Henderson](#)
- [Nevada joins other states in Healthy Brain Initiative Planning Lab](#)

UTAH

- [Intermountain Healthcare receives top accreditation for patient safety in clinical research studies](#)
- [Salt Lake's Recursion Pharma nails down \\$121 million in new funding](#)
- [Court tosses Utah law that blocked malpractice lawsuits](#)
- [Family sues Utah hospital, claims negligence during surgery led to death of Vineyard woman](#)
- [Utah health-tech leader Health Catalyst raises \\$182 million in IPO](#)