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NATIONAL

- Will telehealth help keep rural LTC residents healthy after discharge? Study aims to find out
- What Do We Know About Prices And Hospital Quality?
- Independent Physicians Feel The Pressure As Hospital-Owned Practices Continue To Grow
- Trump meets with pharma execs: 4 things to know
- HHS grant seeks to draw resident physicians to rural areas
- Rural hospitals overemphasize compensation in physician recruitment
- CMS unveils new MIPS 'framework' aimed at reducing reporting burden
- Trump administration proposes rule requiring hospitals to publish the prices negotiated with insurers
- 2020 seen as educational year for decision support for radiology
- CMS pitches 3 sweeping payment rules for 2020
- CMS proposal would force hospitals to post negotiated rates
- Health systems have invested millions in these 5 startups since February
- U.S. News & World Report: 10 Best Hospitals in the U.S. 2019
- CMS proposes adding total knee replacements to ASC covered procedures list for 2020, increases payment rates
- 4 things to know about federal hospital payments for low-income, uninsured patients
- HHS and FDA release drug importation plan to lower prices
- CMS proposes changes to physician fee schedule, quality payment program
- Senator, HHS chief respond to CMS proposal on hospital price transparency
- Hospital groups speak out against price transparency in OPPS rule
- CMS begins pilot program to give physicians access to claims data to fill gaps in care
- 5 things to know on the blockchain in healthcare market
- CMS Administrator Seema Verma: Despite billions spent, EHRs haven't delivered on interoperability
- CMS could add 6 heart procedures to ASC-payable list
- CMS total joint proposal 'better late than never,' CMO says

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [Reliance Health CEO retiring](#)
- [CT's Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings](#)
- [Yale New Haven Hospital ranked among best in nation](#)
- [Report: CT received 675M pain pills during run-up to opioid crisis](#)
- [Fledgling healthcare accelerator settles on a name, seeks first cohort](#)

MAINE

- [Rural Maine medical residencies plan gets boost](#)
- [MacLean named CEO of the Maine Medical Association](#)
- [Maine Medical Center named best hospital in the state for seventh year in a row](#)
- [3 Maine hospitals earn high ranks in U.S. News survey](#)
- [Fort Kent Rural Health Center in compliance with federal regulations after unannounced inspection](#)
- [Maine's Telehealth Hopes Need Broadband to Become Reality](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [A Boston hospital with a farm on its roof seeks to inspire others](#)
- [Faulkner Hospital is seeking to expand its inpatient facilities. Here's what we know.](#)
- [Mass. General Named America's Second-Best Hospital](#)
- [Massachusetts watchdog wants to cut administrative healthcare costs](#)
- [Kronos Bio backer's VC firm raises \\$600M for life science investments](#)
- [McLean Hospital eyes presence in China](#)
- [Mayo Clinic, Boston Scientific team up on med-tech accelerator](#)
- [Best Hospitals In Massachusetts: U.S. News 2019 Rankings](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Judge blocks N.H. Medicaid work requirements](#)
- [If you're sick, these are New Hampshire's best hospitals](#)
- [Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health funds \\$1M annually for dedicated cancer clinician research time](#)
- [How physicians can get useable data from wearables](#)
- [Drastic reduction in wait times reported at New Hampshire Hospital](#)

NEW YORK

- [Physician compensation, net worth in New York](#)
- [NYC's Best Hospitals For 2019: Latest U.S. News Rankings](#)
- [St. Lawrence Health to acquire Massena Memorial Hospital](#)
- [Massena Memorial Hospital to become part of St. Lawrence Health System](#)

- These 34 New York hospitals ranked among the best in the state and U.S.
- NYC Health + Hospitals reduced wait times, improved care continuity in pilot program
- New York hospital sues patients over medical bills
- St. Mary's to expand hospital pharmacy
- Struggling New York hospital secures buyer, \$20M in funding
- The Doctors Company Completes New York Acquisition
- Hospital allows employees to exchange unused paid time off to help pay off student loan debt
- Health-Care Spending Soars in New York State
- 3 LI Hospitals Granted \$18M for Capital Improvements
- Hospital finishes \$3.5M overhaul of cardiac wing

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island hospital pilots relationship-based care program
- Care New England's financial turnaround continues after calling off merger
- Best Hospital In Rhode Island: U.S. News 2019 Rankings

VERMONT

- Study: Health care leads Vermont job growth
- OneCare Vermont names Vicki Loner as CEO
- Public hearings on vision for Vermont mental health care
- SVHC offers free paid training for licensed nursing assistants
- CEO Alison Calderara leaves Community Health Centers of Burlington

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Beebe Healthcare names executive director of cardiac and vascular services
- Christiana Care tops U.S. News & World Report list of best hospitals
- Hospital systems face uphill fight in vying for Sussex emergency center
- Christiana Care Middletown Emergency Department earns stroke care certification

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Adventist HealthCare in talks to take over Howard University Hospital's operations
- MedStar Washington Hospital Center Named One of Nation's Top 50 for Cardiovascular Care
- Report ranks GW Hospital among region's best
- Adventist HealthCare in talks to take over DC hospital's operations

- US News' best hospitals for 2019-2020 include this Md. standout; see DC-area's best

MARYLAND

- The Johns Hopkins Hospital Ranked #3 Nationally by U.S. News
- Best Hospitals In Maryland: U.S. News 2019 Rankings
- United Therapeutics is executing its growth plan. Why isn't its stock price higher?
- University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake buys \$18M Aberdeen property for new medical campus
- US News' best hospitals for 2019-2020 include this Md. standout; see DC-area's best

NEW JERSEY

- Hackensack Meridian is betting big on long-term care
- New Jersey's Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings
- RWJBarnabas Health names Newark, Union regional CFO
- RWJBarnabas Health appoints Douglas Zehner first Newark and Union Regional CFO
- Morristown Medical Center repeats as top NJ hospital in national ranking
- New Jersey Enacts Medical Aid-in-Dying Law
- RWJBarnabas Health launches new pediatrics service line, focused on family-centered care
- NJIT-based vision therapy startup secures backing from NJ Health Foundation's venture arm
- U.S. News hospital rankings 2019: Morristown Medical Center tops NJ list, HUMC is No. 2

PENNSYLVANIA

- Bradford Regional Medical Center Will Consolidate Maternity Services with Olean General Hospital
- Philadelphia hospital, once part of Allegheny network's expansion plans, set to close
- UHS agrees to \$127M DOJ to settle behavioral health investigation
- Chain that owns Lancaster Behavioral Health Hospital to pay \$127 million settlement
- UHS to pay \$127M in DOJ settlement, says criminal probe closed
- Superior Court affirms \$3.3M judgment in malpractice lawsuit against Wilkes-Barre Hospital
- Jefferson University agrees to buy Fox Chase Cancer Center from Temple University
- These Are PA's Best Hospitals, U.S. News Says In New Rankings
- St. Mary Ranked Among PA's Best Hospitals
- Jennifer Yartym appointed president of Guthrie Cortland Medical Center
- As Hahnemann empties out, owner seeks bids for St. Christopher's
- Pike County needs a hospital closer to home

VIRGINIA

- Vistar Eye Center selects new CEO

- Coleen Santa Ana selected president of Sentara Obici Hospital
- Report ranks two Norfolk hospitals the best in Virginia
- These Are Virginia's Best Hospitals: U.S. News 2019 Rankings
- Inova Health System Establishes First In-House Specialty Pharmacy in Region to Care for Patients with Chronic Illnesses
- Sentara Healthcare appoints Dana Beckton first chief diversity officer
- More details emerge on Kaiser Permanente's Woodbridge hub

WEST VIRGINIA

- Pleasant Valley Hospital is named in medical negligence lawsuit
- West Virginia University Researches Telehealth Benefits
- Health Care: WVU pilot program may help rural residents
- West Virginia U telehealth pilot aims to prevent hospital readmissions
- Mon Health System CEO named to federal advisory panel

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Prescription drug price bill supported by Grassley faces opposition
- Community Health Needs Assessment builds on prior work, urges coordinated effort
- Rural Trauma Course Helps Iowa's Small Hospitals Deal With Big Emergencies
- UIHC ranks nationally as one of the top hospitals for six adult specialties
- University of Iowa Hospitals maintains national ranking by U.S. News & World Report

KANSAS

- These are the best hospitals around Kansas City, according to national rankings
- Ashley McClellan named CEO of Research Medical Center
- Phil Buttell selected CEO of Menorah Medical Center
- Court orders repayment to Kansas of \$56 million Obamacare fee
- Hospital no longer will deliver babies

MINNESOTA

- Rochester's Mayo Clinic again repeats as nation's best hospital
- Minnesota's Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings
- Mayo Clinic, Boston Scientific team up on med-tech accelerator
- Minnesota hospitals say BCBS' incompetence, not prior authorization, is the problem
- Minnesota Blue Cross CEO defends tougher review of medical procedures

- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota's controversial site-of-service policy
- New Minnesota law seeks more transparent hospital pricing
- RJM Construction to build expansion of Minnesota birth center

MISSOURI

- Barnes-Jewish ranked as top hospital in the state by U.S. News & World Report
- These are the best hospitals around Kansas City, according to national rankings
- Boone Hospital tops rankings in central Missouri
- Ascension rebrands community health sites in 3 states
- Rockhurst University to take over St. Luke's nursing school after split with Research
- Oh, baby! 36 nurses in Kansas City hospital NICU due to give birth this year
- \$15 million donation will fix up classrooms and labs on UMKC's campuses
- These are the top hospitals in Missouri
- Fire prompts Missouri hospital to relocate pediatric patients

NEBRASKA

- UNMC addresses looming shortage of geriatricians with \$3.7 million federal grant
- Medical school get \$3.7M to address geriatric care shortage
- Nebraska's 2-tier Medicaid expansion plan faces uncertainty after other states' proposals rejected
- Med Center chief speaks on healthcare costs, student debt

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health Acquires Stake in Costa Rican Health System
- Tens of millions of opioid pills flowed into North Dakota over six-year span
- 5 states with highest, lowest annual healthcare costs associated with food insecurity

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health acquires stake in Costa Rica health network
- American Cancer Society gives South Dakota poor marks on prevention, access to care
- South Dakota ranks #1 for the biggest increase of diabetes

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Bloomington Nursing Home Fined \$25k After Losing Resident
- SIU cardiology training program will enhance local heart care, advocates say
- Lurie Children's Hospital CEO retiring

- [Lawsuit against Huntley-based medical device company alleges kickback scheme](#)
- [Illinois' Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings](#)
- [Closing a hospital now more difficult in Illinois](#)
- [UChicago launches remote second opinion services](#)
- [Allscripts CEO Paul Black on interoperability, APIs and the one EMR perception he'd change overnight](#)

INDIANA

- [Aspire Indiana network receiving HHS grant](#)
- [Business intelligence boosts in-network patient referrals at Indiana health system](#)
- [IU Health Medical Tops 'Best of' List](#)
- [eHealth Bringing 500 Jobs to Indianapolis](#)
- [Lutheran blocks volunteering at clinic](#)
- [IU Health hires social worker to aid employees' work-life balance](#)
- [Hand to Shoulder Center Building Sold](#)
- [IU Health Medical Tops 'Best of' List](#)
- [Eskenazi Health Establishes Fehribach Center](#)
- [Purdue, U of Notre Dame, Indiana U research collaborative expands patient engagement program](#)
- [How an Indiana clinic is beating the odds on patient-care stats](#)
- [How 1 Indiana hospital is attracting nurses during national shortage](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Kentucky Provider Pays \\$70,000 Ransom to Unlock Patient Data](#)
- [Humana sues Abbott's St. Jude Medical over CRM batter](#)
- [St. Elizabeth Medical Center church-plan exemption upheld](#)
- [Jewish Hospital suspends Louisville's only heart transplant program](#)
- [Classrooms to ambulances: Paramedic shortages remain a problem in Kentucky](#)
- [4 years in a row, this Lexington hospital named best in the state by U.S. News & World Report](#)
- [Beshear approves \\$70 million sale of Passport Health Plan to for-profit company](#)
- [Humana rockets past analyst expectations with Q2 earnings](#)
- [Major regional hospital system expands to Louisville with transplant clinic](#)
- [Waystar is valued at \\$2.7 billion — and a majority stake is about to be sold](#)
- [Passport Health Plan drops lawsuit, lands key approval for acquisition](#)
- [Meet the Louisville startups selected by XLerateHealth](#)
- [9 healthcare startups join Kentucky accelerator](#)

- Baptist Health named best hospital in Louisville in US News & World Report
- Louisville hospital ties for third in U.S. News rankings for Kentucky

MICHIGAN

- DMC chief medical officer resigns after 7 months on job
- Central Michigan University and Covenant HealthCare Join To Train Tomorrow's Doctors
- Michigan health system lays off 72 employees
- Trinity Health sues medical group, challenges non-compete clauses
- Local hospital makes the top 10 among Southeast Michigan hospitals
- These Michigan hospitals are the best in patient care, according to U.S. News & World Report
- BCBS of Michigan hit with \$40M lawsuit over provider payments

OHIO

- Mercy Medical Center CEO Paul Hiltz departs for top post at Florida health system
- 3 physician-owned hospitals, microhospitals continuing to grow
- Ohio payers now required to cover telemedicine visits
- Cleveland Clinic to build neurological institute, expand eye institute
- Ohio hospital opens medical office, soon to offer spine and orthopedic care
- Local hospitals ranked among best in Ohio by U.S. News & World Report
- University of Toledo Medical Center seeks to downgrade its trauma center designation
- US News: Cleveland Clinic fourth-best hospital in nation
- Virtual doctor visits now covered by insurance in Ohio

WISCONSIN

- The company planning a behavioral health hospital in West Allis will pay \$127M to settle fraud allegations
- Residents push Ascension St. Joseph to sign legally binding agreement not to cut services
- How SSM Health, U of Wisconsin are tackling the rural healthcare shortage
- St. Clare Hospital awarded for cardiac patient care
- Rural Wisconsin clinics braced for primary care doctor shortage
- Cancer diagnostic firms to join in \$2.8 billion deal
- Aurora St. Luke's ranked as best hospital in Milwaukee area
- UW Hospital makes list of top 20 best hospitals in U.S. for first time

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Alabama's Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings](#)
- [U of Alabama warns medical providers of data breach on old computer](#)
- [UAB, UnitedHealthcare reach agreement on insurance contract](#)
- [Alabama medical center recovering from ransomware attack](#)

FLORIDA

- [Broward Health reaches tentative settlement with fired CEO](#)
- [AdventHealth Announces CEO at AdventHealth Wesley Chapel](#)
- [Florida and Jackson Health may have to refund \\$436 million in Medicaid funds, report says](#)
- [NCH Healthcare System names new CEO](#)
- [Bayfront Health St. Petersburg ramps up efforts to collect patient debt](#)
- [Florida Hospital Association Eyes ER Supreme Court Case](#)
- [Feds could order Florida's Medicaid program to repay \\$436M](#)
- [Mercy Medical Center CEO Paul Hiltz departs for top post at Florida health system](#)
- [Summerfield freestanding emergency room expanding](#)
- [UF Health Shands Hospital opens new \\$30 million unit](#)
- [Florida hospital attributes spike in lawsuits against patients to EHR conversion](#)
- [Spell named CEO of Baptist Health's Homestead Hospital](#)
- [Hundreds of Tampa Bay area nursing homes, assisted living facilities still without backup power](#)
- [AdventHealth Orlando named top hospital in Florida](#)
- [Boca Regional Hospital Now Part Of Baptist Health South Florida](#)

GEORGIA

- [Alpharetta HealthTech Data Company Raises \\$30 Million](#)
- [Atlanta health care IT company hires new CTO from Massachusetts](#)
- [Georgia's Best Hospitals: U.S. News Rankings For 2019](#)
- [Mayor appoints Atlanta's first-ever chief health officer](#)
- [Emory University Hospital ranked No. 1 hospital in Georgia](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Gulfport Memorial names Lewis as Senior Director, Senior Care](#)
- [Forrest General Hospital among nation's top performing hospitals](#)
- [Largest Annual Gathering of Mississippi's Biomedical Community to Propose Research Addressing State's Critical Health Needs and Disparities](#)
- [Power restored after outage at Forrest General Hospital](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [Independent Physicians Feel The Pressure As Hospital-Owned Practices Continue To Grow](#)
- [Hospital names new chief medical officer](#)
- [Viewpoint: Attacks on Vidant Health CEO jeopardize healthcare in North Carolina](#)
- [Here are NC's top-ranked hospitals](#)
- [FirstHealth Montgomery Memorial Hospital President Beth Walker to retire next year](#)
- [Duke University Hospital falls out of nation's top 20 hospitals](#)
- [Healthcare war: State treasurer versus Atrium, Novant and other systems](#)
- [North Carolina Hospital Found Compliant but 'Significantly Different' After Complaints](#)
- [North Carolina reimbursement dispute gets personal](#)
- [North Carolina hospital board mulls sale](#)
- [North Carolina's most remote clinic?](#)
- [Report: 'No current deficiencies' at UNC hospital following review on child deaths](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [South Carolina hospital computer system goes down](#)
- [MUSC named No. 1 hospital in SC for 5th year in a row](#)
- [Fetter Healthcare moving OB-GYN services from Charleston to Summerville](#)
- [South Carolina patient sued state agency to be discharged before his death](#)
- [Access to health care closer to home; MUSC to open new campus in West Ashley](#)
- [One SC nursing home flagged by government as poor-performing, two more are candidates](#)

TENNESSEE

- [VUMC lands \\$22.5M federal grant for AIDS work](#)
- [LifePoint Health selects CFOs for Eastern, Mountain divisions](#)
- [Tennessee health system modifies debt collection practices after media probe](#)
- [HCA shares drop after Q2 report](#)
- [HCA's revenue climbs to \\$12.6B in Q2](#)
- [U of Tennessee Medical Center patients can now access health records on iPhone](#)
- [HCA says it's open to rule on publishing hospital rates, welcomes competition](#)
- [Texas Health Resources 'isn't in tune with our needs,' community hospital physician says](#)
- [Texas hospital closes](#)
- [HCA defeats false claims lawsuit over office deals](#)
- [CHS divests hospitals in Tennessee, Texas](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas delegation supports aid to rural hospitals
- Ascension rebrands community health sites in 3 states
- Unity Health becomes first Arkansas facility to join Mayo Clinic Care Network
- Doug, Shelley McMillon give \$1 million to Mercy Northwest Arkansas

ARIZONA

- Mayo Clinic No. 1 in Phoenix and Arizona on U.S. News & World Report's 'Best Hospitals' rankings
- How 4 IT technicians saved an Arizona hospital from hacker ransomware
- Health Companies Continue to Expand in Phoenix
- Ranking Arizona: Top 10 pediatric care centers
- How Banner Health ties executives' bonus pay to its reputation: 4 steps
- Abrazo West Campus taps Noomi Hirsch as COO

LOUISIANA

- \$11.2 million Expansion Coming To St. Martin Hospital in Breaux Bridge
- Ascension rebrands community health sites in 3 states
- Construction started at new \$5.3M Ochsner health center in Baton Rouge
- Lafayette General Health announces new chief medical information officer
- Ochsner opens new health center in Lake Terrace
- Iberia Medical Center CEO Parker Templeton to resign
- Ochsner Ranked #1 Hospital in Louisiana by U.S. News & World Report

NEW MEXICO

- American Physician Partners Expands Presence in New Mexico and Kentucky
- Albuquerque VA center director responds to troubling report on veteran mental health services
- Filling funding gap for new hospital tops county priorities
- Gila Regional's board upbeat about future
- Lovelace plans to expand popular NE Albuquerque clinic

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma's Medicaid director to step down
- How one hospital's staff engagement survey boosts workforce development – and patient care
- 3 physician-owned hospitals, microhospitals continuing to grow

- Oklahoma hospital starts 'No One Dies Alone' program to help dying patients
- Physician-owned micro-hospital to open in Oklahoma

TEXAS

- Expert: The Impact of Texas' \$745 Million Investment in Mental Health
- Tenet's plan to spin off Conifer unlikely to influence operator's positive outlook, Fitch says
- Tenet's decision to spin off Conifer is credit negative, Moody's says
- DFW's largest employers are still in health care
- New Baptist Medical Center CEO Overseeing \$22 Million Renovations
- UT Southwestern ranks as top hospital in North Texas. Here's how its competitors compare
- Ascension rebrands community health sites in 3 states
- 2 Houston hospitals honored among America's best in prestigious report
- UT Health Athens taps C. Scott Campbell as CEO
- CHS divests hospitals in Tennessee, Texas
- 3 Austin-area hospitals rank among the best in Texas
- Texas's Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings
- How 'telecardiology' is helping one Texas hospital treat rural patients
- After Refusing to Take Part in the Medicaid Expansion, Texas Has Experienced 17 Hospital Closures
- Drug price controls could decimate rural Texas hospitals
- Olney Hamilton Hospital the longest operating rural hospital in Texas

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Alaska hospital closes
- Health care group completing merger with Alaska hospital
- Bartlett Hospital CEO talks to Chamber of Commerce

IDAHO

- How St. Luke's is addressing revenue cycle challenges
- St. Luke's ranks top 1% among national hospital procedures and conditions
- Idaho health system plans 2-building medical complex with ASC
- They breathe, blink, give birth. Life-like dolls help train Idaho nurses, combat shortage.
- Primary Health to open 3 new clinics in Boise, Kuna

MONTANA

- Study shows how Montana hospitals impact economy
- Study: Montana hospitals first in wages and jobs
- Hospitals top list in Montana for jobs, pay study says
- Montanans Express Concerns Over New Medicaid Work Requirements
- New study analyzes economic impact of Montana hospitals
- Missoula doctor sued for malpractice over allegedly botched surgery

OREGON

- Oregon health innovation center receives \$8M to expand tech support
- Patient dies at Portland mental health facility months after safety issues said to be resolved
- Psychiatrist shortage is a national crisis as need for mental health care grows
- Contract talks at impasse between OHSU, union
- OHSU to Become First Health System in Oregon to Implement Kyrus ProviderMatch

WASHINGTON

- Nation's largest ambulance service sued for pregnancy discrimination
- Retiring Virginia Mason Memorial CEO Russ Myers credits hospital employees, board for success
- Tacoma hospital project needs rezoning, permits to advance
- Providence St. Joseph Health to Use the Cloud, AI to Improve Care
- Evidence of rodents temporarily shuts Washington hospital cafeteria
- UW Division of Design faculty, Seattle Children's physicians collaborate on more effective anesthesia cart organization
- Whistleblower alleged Seattle Children's had mold problem before 2018 death
- First canine employee hired at Swedish Hospital

WYOMING

- Wyoming air ambulance could see Medicaid waiver plan
- Torrington Community Hospital recognized as Pediatric Receiving Facility
- Haggling over the bill
- 4 things to know about the physician shortage
- Wyoming pursues unique plan to improve air ambulance service, keep costs down

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- How tech-infused primary care centers turned One Medical into a \$2 billion business
- Mission Hospital taps new CEO for the south county healthcare system

- Kaiser closed hospital cafeterias to interfere with strike votes, union leaders claim
- Marin General Hospital rebranded as health system
- Hoag, UCI Medical Center are named among best hospitals in California
- UC San Diego Health Top Ranked by U.S. News & World Report
- Lucile Packard Children's improves finances
- Dignity Health nurses protest over patient safety, staffing concerns
- Adventist Health's proposal: 'bending the healthcare cost curve'

COLORADO

- Colorado Health Symposium focuses on housing crisis and its effect on public health
- Mike Ramseier named president of Kaiser Permanente Colorado
- Lone urgent care clinic in Colorado county will close
- DaVita Health Solutions Grows Leadership Team
- Colorado receives \$64 million for health technology
- Denver's Best Hospitals: Latest U.S. News Rankings
- Denver Health's operating income falls 76%, but net income soars year to date
- How SCL Health's Peter Kung promotes innovation among staff
- Colorado Springs' new Children's Hospital behavioral health unit the 'envy' of medical community
- Denver-area hospitals ranked best in the U.S. for respiratory care
- Nation's best respiratory care and No. 1 hospital in the state
- Colorado gets federal OK for program expected to lower marketplace health care premiums 18%
- Colorado hospital performs its 1st procedure with Mazor robotic guidance platform

HAWAII

- Queen's Medical Center recognized as number one hospital in the state
- Rehabilitating patients practice grocery shopping, travel in realistic 'lab'
- Hawaii ranks 3rd highest in per-person public health spending

NEVADA

- Nurse practitioners are one part of solution to NV's doctor shortage
- Nevada Medicaid Administrator Selected for Leadership Institute
- Improvements are in the works for Nevada's struggling VA services
- Renown, Anthem reach long-awaited deal to preserve hospital access for thousands in Reno

UTAH

- Utah won't get enhanced funding for partial Medicaid boost

- St. Mark's Hospital introduces Telemedicine service, TeleOB, for obstetrician care
- Utah health-tech leader Health Catalyst raises \$182M in IPO
- Intermountain spinoff Castell CEO: Providers need nudge en route to value-based care
- Utah hospital launches telemedicine services for prenatal care
- University of Utah doctors discover potentially lifesaving treatment for cardiac patients