

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - AUGUST 23, 2019

### NATIONAL

- CMS proposes 2020 rate for total knee arthroplasty
- News report on healthcare billing fraud prompts senators' call for federal action
- More than 50% of healthcare providers not compliant with HIPAA right of access
- 12 healthcare companies that are the highest-paying employers in their state
- CMS brings controversial star ratings system to ACA plans
- Star ratings coming to ACA plans: 4 things to know
- The Role of Telehealth in Disaster Recovery
- Only 11% of Acute-Care Providers Use An Integrated EHR, Study Finds
- OCR Maintaining HIPAA Enforcement, Small Breaches Face Greater Scrutiny
- Using Data Analytics to Reach Five-Star Medicare Quality Measures
- How 8 health systems are investing their venture capital dollars
- HHS helps providers respond to mass violence
- D.C. circuit court reinstates 2017 DSH payments rule
- EHRs linked with smartphones spur patient interest, study shows
- CMS to update hospital star ratings early next year despite blowback
- Banning hospital advertising could increase readmissions, study finds
- Where supply chain analytics can go wrong: 3 Qs with BroadJump's Lauren Davis
- HHS renews fight to require drug prices in TV ads
- How blockchain could help healthcare industry save millions
- Hospitals urge CMS to eliminate 'temporary' codes for nonphysician services
- Where the AHA is focusing its lobbying efforts in September
- Why the growth of cybersecurity in healthcare may not prevent data breaches
- HHS awards \$107M for health centers, recognizes excellence in HIT and telehealth

### NORTHEAST

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

### CONNECTICUT

- Hartford Healthcare gets state OK for St. Vincent's acquisition

- Prospect Medical Holdings eyes deal with Connecticut hospital
- State approves Ascension's sale of Connecticut hospital
- Patient falls, abuse cited in CT nursing home violations
- Prospect Medical Holdings eyes deal with Connecticut hospital
- Patient records at Connecticut health system potentially exposed in shipping mishap
- Eastern Connecticut Health Network CEO Michael Collins retiring this year
- Hospital of Central CT eyes stake in Rocky Hill surgery facility

## MAINE

- L.L. Bean heir and wife donate \$1M to Maine hospital
- Mercy Hospital receives \$1M gift from Gormans
- MaineHealth, Anthem launch joint venture
- Rural Hospitals Say 'Medicare For All' Would End Up 'Closing Our Doors'
- Maine clinics, hospitals get boost to fight opioid crisis
- Lions Club first benefactor in hospital expansion effort

## MASSACHUSETTS

- Jeannette Ives Erickson named interim leader at Nantucket hospital
- Tufts, Harvard Pilgrim say they intend to merge
- 4 new joint-venture ASCs
- Baystate to acquire Connecticut River Internists after all four doctors retire
- HealthAlliance CEO leaving Fitchburg, Leominster, Clinton hospitals
- Compensation for former Partners chief executive tops \$6M
- Massachusetts hospital CEO Deborah Weymouth resigns
- Cape Cod Healthcare begins Epic EHR transition, \$180M patient tower project
- Shattuck Hospital employee accused of hitting patient, 6 staff members placed on leave

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Private equity's role in the future of healthcare
- New Hampshire getting \$5M public health grant
- Gillibrand says NH helped form her mental health plan
- State labs get \$5 million biomonitoring grant from CDC

## NEW YORK

- Massena hospital board votes to close Brasher clinic
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue advances quality care for trauma patients

- [New training center dedicated at Catholic Health to address caregiver turnover](#)
- [How Concierge Home Care Company Alliance More Than Tripled Its Revenue](#)
- [Good Samaritan opens \\$9M orthopedic surgery center in New York City suburb](#)
- [New York hospital faces financial peril without buyer](#)
- [New York hospital to end outpatient behavioral health services](#)
- [Nomad Health and PathSpot top New York's recent funding news](#)
- [New York hospital opens upgraded orthopedic surgery center — 3 insights](#)

## RHODE ISLAND

- [Geriatric Workforce program at URI aims to improve elder health care](#)
- [Newport Hospital cuts ribbon on renovated emergency department](#)
- [Hasbro Children's Hospital unveils new pediatric surgery waiting room](#)
- [Kent Hospital nurse recognized](#)

## VERMONT

- [Vermont seeks meeting with feds to talk drug importation](#)
- [Hospital proposes 2.65% rate increase for 2020 budget](#)
- [Patient refund checks on hold amid Vermont health system's bankruptcy](#)

## MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- [Delaware denies approval for rural emergency room](#)
- [Health service groups in Sussex seek merger](#)
- [Christiana Care to review state's controversial prison health care systems](#)
- [UD-led program receives \\$23.5M for biomed research](#)
- [Delaware board blocks Beebe's plans to build emergency department](#)
- [Christiana Care lease tops list of largest Delaware Valley Office leases](#)
- [Delaware Has 8th Longest Wait List for Organ Transplants](#)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [‘We lost something special’: The women’s hospital in D.C. that became a Trader Joe’s](#)
- [After 112 years, Takoma Park’s Washington Adventist Hospital departs for White Oak](#)
- [14 hospitals closed so far this year — here's why](#)
- [MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical-Surgical Unit Receives AMSN PRISM Award](#)
- [Inside Forward: D.C.'s new high-tech doctor's office](#)

## MARYLAND

- Uptick in 'guardianship cases' leave Maryland patients in EDs for months
- Anne Arundel hospitals see increase in non-emergency patients occupying beds for extended periods of time
- New Floor Opens At MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital To Help Inpatient Treatment
- MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital to debut \$17.5M inpatient rehab unit
- GBMC seeks state approval for \$108M hospital expansion
- Dedication of a new Adventist hospital in the U.S. state of Maryland

## NEW JERSEY

- New Jersey Hospital Cuts Stroke Readmission Rate Through mHealth
- To Solve Hospital Overcrowding, Think Like a Mathematician
- Atlantic Health awarded N.J.'s first and only NCORP site designation
- 4 N.J. hospitals ranked NRC Health's Top 100 for consumer loyalty
- 11 child deaths lead to new law to address outbreaks in New Jersey nursing homes

## PENNSYLVANIA

- Penn Med withdraws \$5.23M judgment against Ellwood City Medical Center
- UPMC's 130-bed replacement hospital opens this weekend
- Philadelphia hospital shuts down emergency department
- Csikos named chief medical officer
- Erie hospitals differ on whether patients are switching back
- Temple, other Philly-area health care facilities earn LGBTQ-friendly distinction
- Pennsylvania rural hospital leader receives national high-quality care award
- Pa. hospital trade group launches new collaborative effort to fight opioid abuse
- Physicians Endoscopy names new CEO & more
- UHS execs, directors escape lawsuit over billing practices
- Patients, family members struggle to obtain medical records from Hahnemann University Hospital
- Allegheny Health Network adds 9th hospital
- Hahnemann international residents secure new jobs, avoid deportation
- Pennsylvania hospital closer to resolving debt issues
- Healthcare data sharing efforts are insufficient, UPMC survey finds
- Highmark CEO says new UPMC deal will attract members, but hospitals differ on patient retention post-feud

## VIRGINIA

- Sentara Norfolk's new \$200 million expansion includes 2 helicopter pads

- Hospital services moving from Norton to Gap
- Ballad unveils planned changes at Wise hospitals
- Ballad announces plans for Norton, Big Stone Gap hospital reorganizations
- Southwest Virginia healthcare group receives federal grant from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- Physician, substance abuse treatment center to pay \$1.4 million to resolve civil claims
- Former Ohio Governor and WVU President launch hospital-focused solution to address opioid crisis
- Heart patient claims Highmark West Virginian wrongfully denied claims for emergency care
- West Virginia health advocates call for lowering prescription drug prices

## **CENTRAL**

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

## **IOWA**

- UnityPoint and Sanford deal reflects national trend
- University of Iowa Hospitals faces potential class-action lawsuit over pay practices
- Sanders Trust building \$23 million Iowa rehab hospital
- Data security breach hits eastern Iowa hospital
- UIHC Healthcare Workers File Suit Alleging Delays In Overtime Pay
- University of Iowa nurses, others sue regents for 'illegal' pay practices
- Nurses sue University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Board of Regents for late wage payments

## **KANSAS**

- Missouri, Kansas HIEs team up to share EHR data of 20M+ patients
- Two of the country's largest HIEs team up to share data on Midwest patients
- Stormont Vail Health Elevates Importance of Technology
- Hays First Care Clinic, Sheridan County to share in \$1M grant to Kansas health centers
- \$3.4 Million Expansion of KU Salina Med-School
- Kansas tells Medicaid contractor to improve current plan
- KVC Hospitals Wichita now provides inpatient mental health care for youth ages 6 to 18
- As rural hospital closes, emergency care is on the blink with fate uncertain

## **MINNESOTA**

- St. Croix Hospice Acquires Hometown Hospice & Home Care
- Mayo Clinic's cancer telerehab program boosts quality of life
- Duluth hospitals accused of ignoring mental health in their plans

- Fairview Health CEO: Managed care is not the answer
- Hundreds of Essentia Health, St. Luke's nurses picket in Minnesota
- Mayo Clinic Plummer Project co-chair Dr. Steve Peters on EHR customization, innovation

## MISSOURI

- Missouri, Kansas HIEs team up to share EHR data of 20M+ patients
- SSM Health partners with Denver firm to offer new primary care option
- SSM, Paladina to offer primary care with no copays, out-of-pocket expenses
- SSM Health Medical Minute: New ER concept coming to SLU Hospital
- Two of the country's largest HIEs team up to share data on Midwest patients
- Mercy Unveils Health Data Network to Pool Clinical Data for Analysis
- Boone Hospital seeks to operate independently in 2021
- Eduardo Conrado is Ascension's chief strategy and innovations officer, a role that 'starts and ends with people'
- University of Missouri Health Care's Kevin Gwin on how data can help enhance patient experience
- Fulton State Hospital up and running new high-security building
- A Mid-Missouri hospital parts ways with BJC

## NEBRASKA

- CHI Nebraska Heart leads the state in life-changing procedure
- Inside the Simulation Center at Bryan Health East Campus
- Nebraska HIE partners with cloud-based data exchange platform
- Nebraskans Getting Creative To Address 'Staggering' Mental Health Provider Shortage

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Trinity Health rejects hepatitis allegations
- Northland receives grant funding

## SOUTH DAKOTA

- UnityPoint and Sanford deal reflects national trend
- Sanford Health cuts ties with neurosurgeon in center of lawsuit
- Sanford Health Fires Surgeon Amid Federal Investigation

## MIDWEST

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

## ILLINOIS

- \$1 Million Penalty Brings Record Nursing Home Default Near an End
- Illinois to Invest \$420M in Broadband for Rural Telehealth, Education



- Advocate Aurora receives \$10M cancer grant
- Westlake Hospital employees attend federal hearing on bankruptcy
- MetroSouth operators eye earlier closing date for Blue Island hospital
- Moore named CEO at Galesburg Cottage Hospital
- Spotlight on Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago
- Amita's Joliet hospital CEO resigns
- Rush launches new EHR app
- Illinois hospital to close Sept. 30
- OSF HealthCare CFO dares hospital leaders to let go of the status quo
- Hospital Plans to Eliminate Obstetrical Unit, But Ties to Community Remain Strong
- New Provident Hospital being planned

## INDIANA

- 4 new joint-venture ASCs
- Indiana University Health White Memorial Hospital grant will upgrade equipment, patient services
- HealthLinc to take over clinic in LaPorte
- DCMH expands vascular services
- Hendricks Regional Health Launches Paramedicine Program
- What keeps IU Health's VP of quality, safety and performance improvement up at night — and makes her get out of bed in the AM
- \$725,000 for St. Claire HealthCare to combat opioid epidemic
- \$2M grant will boost nurse scientist training at Indiana University
- Healthcare Foundation of La Porte Breaks Ground
- Auction delayed for former St. Joseph Hospital building
- Memorial Hospital Police recognized as best in the state

## KENTUCKY

- 4 new joint-venture ASCs
- T.J. Regional Health to collaborate with hospitals statewide to fight opioid epidemic
- How U of L's purchase of Jewish Hospital could transform health care in Louisville area
- Norton Healthcare finances boosted by quality bonus, facility sale
- U of L to rename Our Lady of Peace, Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital
- Why a Kentucky hospital lost its Medicare funding
- Kentucky releases sexual assault training video for hospitals
- Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital CMO Dr. John Darnell to retire

- Kindred Healthcare appoints senior vice president and chief medical officer
- License revoked for Kentucky doctor who put unnecessary pacemakers in patients
- T.J. Samson Community Hospital joins the fight against opioid abuse

## MICHIGAN

- Medical group sues Trinity Health for trying to hire away clinicians
- Michigan Medicine notifies patients of health information breach
- West Olive practice joins Mercy Health
- Federal \$1M grant targets opioid epidemic in northern Michigan
- Beaumont Health's net income climbs to \$209M in first half of 2019
- The recipe for St. Joseph Mercy Oakland's future success? AI, blockchain and predictive analytics
- Medical Mile could soon be official name for renowned health corridor

## OHIO

- Fisher-Titus Health System appoints Matthew Mattner COO
- New \$20 million nursing home in Strongsville approved by city planners
- Ohio hospital seeks zoning permission for surgery center, medical office building
- OSU medical center, local fire departments pilot EHR data sharing exchange
- Ohio aims to combat nurse burnout with new bill
- OSU's Wexner Medical Center Pilots EMS-Hospital Health Data Exchange
- Aultman, Akron Children's complete NICU agreement
- One Health Ohio Extends Range of Care with Rise Recovery
- Dayton hospital network gets 'A' bond rating
- 'Surprise' medical bills tack on big charges to local patients' accounts
- Martins Ferry officials trying to keep East Ohio Regional Hospital open
- Akron Children's Hospital program to help teach babies, children with hearing loss gets grant
- Trinity Health System holds 'meet and greet' in Ferry

## WISCONSIN

- St. Croix Hospice Acquires Hometown Hospice & Home Care
- Gundersen Health System receives \$15.6 million grant for cancer research
- Beloit Health System celebrates 50 years
- Marshfield Clinic Breaks Ground on Neillsville Hospital
- North Central Healthcare will take over permanently as Pine Crest Nursing Home administrator
- Advocate Aurora receives \$10M cancer grant



- Aspirus Langlade Hospital invests in solar power
- Wisconsin lawmakers unveil bill to extend telehealth services to Medicaid patients

## **SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

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

### **ALABAMA**

- Alabama orthopedic practice pays \$1.2M to settle billing, self-referral allegations
- Baldwin Bone and Joint to pay \$1.2 million to settle lawsuit
- UAB Medicine, Alabama hospital partner on telehealth-based dialysis treatments
- Sanders Trust building \$23 million Iowa rehab hospital

### **FLORIDA**

- FWB Medical Center to open Navarre emergency clinic
- Bolder shoulder: Prosthetic device fuels big growth for medical tech startup
- Central Florida Regional Hospital Launches Comprehensive Spine Care Program
- Florida's Surprise Bill Law Could Be Template For Federal Legislation
- Tampa General's new 'command center' cuts delays, saving millions
- Jacksonville pediatric trauma center treats over 700 children in first year
- Tampa General's new 'command center' cuts delays, saving millions
- Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital names new president
- AMCA data breach scope expands, Florida lab testing company alerts 30,000 patients
- Bayfront Health lays off 30 employees
- Orlando Health's Michelle Taverna Farrell on Epic transition, employee education and team success
- Billboards trumpeting arrival of telemedicine
- New CEO of West Florida Hospital announced
- Bayfront Health system leader departs after 18 months on the job

### **GEORGIA**

- Piedmont Healthcare joins nonprofit generic drug company Civica
- Eastside Medical Center selects John Hoover as COO
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's operating income jumps in Q2
- New Report Examines Hospital Cybersecurity Challenges in Georgia
- Gwinnett hospitals merge into Northside system starting Aug. 28

### **MISSISSIPPI**

- Mississippi Hospital Associations awards NMMC Eupora

- [Mississippi Children's Hospital Reaches Expansion Milestone](#)
- [Lawsuit: Ambulance wait a factor in Mississippi mom's death](#)
- [Medicaid Expansion Debate at Center of Waller v. Reeves Runoff](#)

## NORTH CAROLINA

- [4 new joint-venture ASCs](#)
- [NHRMC medical staff asks county to delay vote on potential hospital sale](#)
- [North Carolina considers expansion requests](#)
- [Nomad Health lands \\$34M to double staff, open NC office](#)
- [Wanda Coley Moves To UnitedHealthcare; Well Care Names Interim COO](#)
- [The promise of tech in healthcare: How WakeMed CIO Dr. Peter Marks sees data driving health in the future](#)
- [Greensboro medical transport company ordered to pay back more than \\$5 million to Medicaid for fraud](#)
- [\\$31.5M ASC expansion set to open in North Carolina](#)
- [Despite increased pace of grants, NC nursing homes risk losing out on penalty dollars](#)
- [Potential hospital sale raises questions about quality of care](#)
- [CaroMont-Belmont Abbey partnership taking shape](#)
- [Angel Medical Center CEO Hopes To Break Ground On New Location In 2020](#)
- [Woman's Hospital hires new CEO, former executive at Duke Regional in North Carolina](#)
- [Wake Forest Baptist Health opens surgery center](#)
- [Hundreds attend meeting about potential sale of NHRMC](#)
- [Atrium Health Cabarrus to implement new security measures](#)
- [Carolinas Medical Center deploys smartphone-based communications tech for caregivers](#)
- [Vidant Medical Center recognized for cancer fighting efforts](#)
- [CON reforms may be rolled into proposed health-care session](#)
- [Pfizer to invest \\$500M in North Carolina gene therapy plant](#)
- [Hospital names new chief nursing officer](#)

## SOUTH CAROLINA

- [Innovation at the heart of MUSC's new children's hospital](#)
- [Charleston area hospitals will add at least 1,150 jobs this year](#)
- [Man arrested in connection with threatening calls made to MUSC's ER](#)
- [Construction Finishes at Medical University Of South Carolina](#)
- [KershawHealth selects Sue Shugart as CEO](#)
- [MUSC patient arrested after threatening to shoot hospital employees](#)

- New cancer treatment center to open in Conway with Duke Health affiliate
- SC Attorney General sues nation's largest drug shippers over pain pill distribution

## TENNESSEE

- Ballad Health reports annual results: high-ranking hospitals in quality, strong financial performance and significant investment in region
- Houston nonprofit launches accelerator program to give women-led startup a leg up within health care
- TeamHealth co-founder has always worked in the trenches
- Southern Tennessee Regional Health System appoints Cliff Wilson CEO of 2 campuses
- Diversity doesn't happen by chance: How Tennessee hospital CEOs are working to change their C-suites
- CHS hit with another shareholder lawsuit
- Tennessee hospital plans to reopen after abruptly closing in June
- Ballad Health posts annual results from first year as combined system

## SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

## ARKANSAS

- Northwest Health launches Apple's iPhone health records app
- Arkansas hospital closes with no notice
- Former Arkansas physician charged in deaths of 3 patients
- Hospital in Jacksonville shifts its focus, closes ER

## ARIZONA

- Arizona hospital rolls out chatbot text service for ED patients
- Phoenix Children's Earns Five Star Patient Care "Vigi Award"
- Mountain Vista Medical Center names William Comer president
- How MIHS slashed hours off providers' daily EHR time: CMIO Dr. Anthony Dunnigan

## LOUISIANA

- Louisiana awarded \$5 million in fight against opioid crisis
- Protests could stall Louisiana Medicaid contract negotiation
- Barbara Griffith named CEO of Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge
- AG will hear comments about Tech Regional - Ochsner deal
- Telehealth begins in 12 New Orleans public schools
- BCBS of Louisiana unit's supplier suit heads to SCOTUS
- Centene, Aetna protest after losing lucrative Louisiana Medicaid contracts

## NEW MEXICO

- [DaVita Medical names new NM regional president](#)
- [New Mexico settles with 2 more behavioral health providers](#)
- [ABQ home health care company rebrands](#)

## OKLAHOMA

- [OU surgeon brings robotic liver cancer surgery to Oklahoma](#)
- [Oklahoma pharmacist to pay \\$1 million restitution after plea](#)
- [AllianceHealth Woodward names Landon Hise CEO](#)
- [Political notebook: New No. 2 named at Oklahoma Health Care Authority](#)
- [Lawmakers told behaviors to blame for most of Oklahoma's health problems](#)
- [Legislative Healthcare Working group looks to set goals for Oklahoma](#)
- [Key facts to know about Medicaid expansion proposal](#)
- [Surgeon general visits OU Health Sciences Center](#)

## TEXAS

- [Nexeon MedSystems CEO trusts his team to face tough challenges](#)
- [Dallas Medical Center receives Patient Safety Excellence award](#)
- [UTHealth launches dentist-to-dentist 'telementoring' program](#)
- [San Angelo Community Medical Center appoints Rodney Schumacher CEO](#)
- [Judgment Entered Against 4 Defendants In Home Health Care Fraud Case For A Total Of \\$339.4 Million](#)
- [Tenet appoints former US Army surgeon general to its board, announces 2 retirements](#)
- [Five questions for Julie Kaplow, Ph.D., director of the Texas Children's Hospital Trauma and Grief Center](#)
- [Douglas Myers hired as senior vice president, CFO at Driscoll Health System](#)
- [El Paso VA Healthcare System to break ground on new facility for veterans](#)
- [Equipment from shuttered physician-owned hospital in Texas to go up for auction](#)
- [Abilene Regional Medical Center selects COO](#)
- [Texas oncologist, hospital blame each other for patients' lack of health records access](#)
- [At Children's Health, 'consumer-centricity' is more than just a business strategy: 4 questions with CXO Keri Kaiser](#)
- [Surgeon keeps \\$6.4M defamation award in feud with Memorial Hermann](#)
- [Texas surprise-billing legislation leaves out employer-sponsored insurance](#)
- [Signify Health and Remedy Partners to merge](#)
- [Children's Health Dallas' Investments Director Departing](#)

## NORTHWEST

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

## ALASKA

- [Alaska Governor Vetoes Bill To Restore Sharp Medicaid Cuts](#)
- [Alaska governor OKs \\$77M in cuts to state Medicaid spending, dental benefits](#)
- [Alaska Health care advocates critical of Medicaid overall report](#)
- [Alaska Communications Statement on the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Order](#)

## IDAHO

- [Creative Recruiting Helps Rural Hospitals Overcome Doctor Shortages](#)
- [EIRMC launching new logo and mission](#)
- [Orofino, Cottonwood hospitals to join with nearby Kootenai Health in effort to improve care](#)
- [Dr. Mark Nassir named president of Saint Alphonsus Medical Group](#)

## MONTANA

- [Health center receives \\$167k grant for behavioral health](#)
- [Feds approve Montana's health reinsurance pool](#)
- [Study: MT hospital prices for insured patients higher than many other states](#)
- [The opioid crisis in Montana will take an "all-hands-on-deck effort" says Tester](#)
- [Eastern Montana's only psychiatrist is grappling with highest suicide rate in the country](#)
- [CPSI gains another contract in Montana from 7-bed facility](#)

## OREGON

- [State faces insurrection of Portland hospitals over CCO plan](#)
- [Oregon Association of Hospitals and Health Systems Names Next CEO](#)
- [Two Oregon health care giants to join forces in Medicaid](#)
- [OHA director urges Portland hospitals to contract with Trillium](#)
- [Providence to partner with Oregon's largest Medicaid health plan](#)
- [State faces insurrection of Portland hospitals over CCO plan](#)
- [Oregon lists 25 costliest, most-prescribed drugs](#)
- [Columbia Memorial nurses picket for new contract](#)

## WASHINGTON

- [Seattle Children's Hospital avoids punishment for mold infections in patients](#)
- [Children's Hospital avoids federal sanctions](#)
- [Seattle Children's Hospital kept info about deadly mold under wraps, emails show](#)
- [Seattle Children's will keep Medicare contract](#)
- [How Providence St. Joseph Health is forming an engaged digital relationship with patients: Q&A with Chief Digital Officer Aaron Martin](#)

## WYOMING

- [Wyoming Hospital to deploy Epic EHR](#)
- [Riverton, plagued by service cuts, eyes public hospital ownership](#)
- [IMH to implement new medical record system Saturday](#)
- [Rural Western States Work Together to Tackle Physician Shortages](#)

## WEST

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

## CALIFORNIA

- [Paging more doctors: California's worsening physician shortage](#)
- [Beaver Medical Clinic to pay \\$5 million to settle false claims act allegations](#)
- [Palomar Health breaks ground on rehabilitation hospital](#)
- [Prospect Medical Holdings eyes deal with Connecticut hospital](#)
- [How UCSF reduced physician burnout by 45%](#)
- [Adventist Health Rideout implements Cerner EHR](#)
- ['The Big One': How California hospitals are preparing for earthquakes](#)
- [Hackers steal California hospital's website domain, email addresses](#)
- [California hospital receives \\$7M donation to support expansion](#)
- [Prospect Medical Holdings eyes deal with Connecticut hospital](#)
- [Dignity Health nurses plan 10-day strike](#)

## COLORADO

- [SSM Health partners with Denver firm to offer new primary care option](#)
- [Colorado Makes 'Rare' Move to Shut Down Home Health Care Provider](#)
- [\\$190 or \\$47,779? Colorado emergency charges vary wildly across state](#)
- [SCL Health announces new St. Mary's president](#)
- [Metro Urgent Care clinics close abruptly, leaving employees and patients in a lurch](#)
- [St. Mary's Medical Center taps Bryan Johnson as president](#)
- [Estes Park Hospital says it will close under Medicare for All](#)
- [Another orthopedic and sports medicine center planned for North Nevada Avenue](#)
- [UCHealth breaks ground on new medical building in Colorado Springs](#)

## HAWAII

- [Hawaii physician: Why price transparency efforts are 'bound to backfire'](#)
- [Limited Training Options Worsen Hawaii's Doctor Shortage](#)



## NEVADA

- Councilman on Medical District: 'We need to be very, very competitive'
- Voters show strong support of NRMC in special election

## UTAH

- Dixie Regional Medical Center announces plans to build hospital in Hurricane
- Audit Shows Crucial Mental Health Services Operating At \$1M Deficit
- Intermountain Healthcare considers 5-year plan for proposed hospital in Hurricane