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- The Top 25 Medical Device Executives of 2019
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- Big data, cybersecurity among top FDA device center priorities
- Episodes of care and bundled payments, a sustainable approach
- Healthcare workers clap back, but comply, when hand hygiene monitored
- Why ASC deals spiked after a lull in early 2019
- Riding a telemedicine wave, docs trade white coats for the tech life, testing the limits of health care
- HHS proposes to nix 'onerous' patient record rule
- 49% of healthcare professionals feel equipped to achieve zero harm, survey finds
- Hospitals are demanding secure medical devices before they buy
- Johnson & Johnson Was Ordered to Pay \$572 Million for Its Role in the Opioid Crisis. With Similar Lawsuits Across the Country, That Could Be Just the Beginning
- Which states spend the most on healthcare?
- HHS security program 'not effective,' OMB audit finds
- CMS upgrades Medicare plan comparer for first time in 10 years
- Trump administration proposal includes loosening ACA medical interpreter rules
- CMS to update hospital validation survey processes

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Bridgeport Hospital offers novel spray-on skin process for burn victims
- Southwestern CT gets new regional health action organization
- As trend shifts to in-home care, Connecticut cuts funding to nine nursing homes with high vacancy rates
- Patient Death at Connecticut Valley Hospital: Sources
- CT hospitals selected for clinical research

MAINE

- MaineGeneral Medical Center prepares to launch new express care center in Gardiner
- Central Maine Healthcare's physician turnover turns around
- \$1M in extra nursing home funding remains in limbo
- Maine system slashes physician turnover rate after exodus
- Maine health system selects Allscripts HER
- St. John Street neighbors fear disruption from Maine Medical Center garage
- As 'death with dignity' law nears, Maine doctors hesitate
- Northern Light Health to sell long-term care pharmacy business
- Hospital discontinuing 9-1-1 ambulance service

MASSACHUSETTS

- Massachusetts General Hospital data breach latest failure to protect patient data
- Mass. Biotech Funding Is Down, After 'Insane' 2018
- Massachusetts General Hospital privacy breach exposed 10,000 patients' records, genetic information
- Boston MedFlight Resumes Patient Transfers at Nantucket Cottage Hospital
- 6 Boston hospital employees on leave amid patient abuse investigation
- Steve Roach named interim president of UMass Memorial's Clinton hospital
- Massachusetts General Hospital data breach latest failure to protect patient data
- New Report: Massachusetts Biopharma Added 20,000 Jobs in Last Decade
- Baystate Health 'conducting a further review' of psychiatric hospital partner after questions surface over US HealthVest
- High Point to close inpatient services in Middleboro, teen program in Brockton
- Massachusetts pays nearly \$260,000 in Affordable Care Act employer penalties

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Sunday News Medical Journal: New ambulatory surgery center coming to Derry
- Court again blocks Medicaid work requirements, this time in New Hampshire

- Sunday News Medical Journal: SNHMC cath lab update with state-of-the-art technology
- Exeter Hospital's Center for Reproductive Care celebrates 20 Years

NEW YORK

- NY challenged to improve oversight of nursing home emergency preparedness compliance
- OIG Calls on New York to Crack Down on Nursing Home Safety
- NY's Nursing Home Staffing Shortages Raise Concerns About Quality of Care
- Saratoga Hospital gets safety award
- NY developer set to buy Memorial Hospital campus for vets facility
- Struggling New York hospital to be sold, town board says
- NY hospital association lobbyist's personal political donations under scrutiny
- 16 of the nation's worst-rated nursing homes located in western New York
- Mount Sinai alerts 33,000 patients of AMCA data breach
- New York hospital nurses protest staffing ratios
- Massena Memorial Hospital acquisition to be decided by voters

RHODE ISLAND

- NY developer set to buy Memorial Hospital campus for vets facility
- Rhode Island physician network alerts 3,000 patients of data breach
- HSRI Director Sherman to exit role to head Pa. exchange
- Data Integration, Analytics Support Public Health in Rhode Island
- CMS Approves Reinsurance Waivers in DE, RI

VERMONT

- UVM Medical builds primary care facility in Essex
- Vermonters spend 12th highest in nation on healthcare
- Vermont hospital likely to close without merger
- Springfield Hospital's survival 'virtually impossible' without merger

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- CMS Approves Reinsurance Waivers in DE, RI
- Delaware seeking volunteers to participate in public health exercise
- Delaware VA clinics to go totally smoke free
- Bayhealth and Beebe Medical Centers Each Awarded \$750,000 to Develop Rural Residency Programs

- Christiana Care will review health care services in Delaware prisons

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Montgomery Co. hospital transfers more than 100 patients, opens doors at new facility
- Providence is searching for a D.C. campus executive director
- GW Hospital faces uptick in medical malpractice lawsuits

MARYLAND

- Montgomery Co. hospital transfers more than 100 patients, opens doors at new facility
- Washington Post: U of Maryland Medical System is 'ethically challenged'
- After 112 years, Maryland hospital moves to new campus
- GBMC seeks state approval for \$108M hospital expansion
- Patient accused of breaking Maryland hospital fire sprinkler, causing \$2K in damages
- Dr. Daniel Durand, LifeBridge chief innovation officer, on why 'innovation will never end'
- Viela Bio clears another hurdle to get rare disease drug to market

NEW JERSEY

- A new way to train medical students in New Jersey
- Bayada to acquire New Jersey home care provider
- Hackensack Meridian Health uses clinical communication tool to slash readmission rates
- 'Collaboration is the fuel for innovation,' according to Dr. Sylvia Romm, Atlantic Health's 1st innovation chief
- Study: N.J. ranks No. 6 in most spent on health care
- NJ to open first responder-exclusive health center

PENNSYLVANIA

- New UPMC Hospital Opens Doors in Central Pennsylvania
- Nurses at Bucks County hospital vote to join union
- More departments close at Hahnemann University Hospital
- Medical centers create programs to recruit doctors to rural areas
- Get a sneak peek inside Penn Medicine's \$1.5B pavilion project
- 800 nurses at this Bucks County hospital just voted to unionize
- Bayada to acquire New Jersey home care provider
- CHI St. Vincent, Penn Medicine to partner on heart surgery research efforts
- 'That is 100% false': Hahnemann disputes claims that some have trouble accessing medical records
- Clinicians protest Jefferson Health's proposal to buy Hahnemann's residency program
- Geisinger expands parental leave for employees

- Lehigh Valley's new partnership will develop high-tech solutions for physician burnout
- Geisinger Holy Spirit CMIO Dr. Richard Schreiber on the 3 most dangerous trends in healthcare

VIRGINIA

- Virginia ranks 20th in least money spent on healthcare, study says
- Wagnon steps down as CEO of Henrico Doctors' Hospital
- Sentara Princess Anne Hospital selects Paul Gaden as president
- CEO of 3 HCA Virginia hospitals resigns

WEST VIRGINIA

- McKinley hopes WVU Medicine can preserve OVMC jobs, operations
- Preston Memorial Hospital set to be named Acute Stroke Ready
- WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital notes progress
- 1,079 to lose jobs in Ohio, West Virginia hospital closings

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Sanders Trust building \$23 million Iowa rehab hospital
- Iowa City mental health care providers still struggle to get Medicaid payments
- St. Luke's opens new transitional care center
- Ed Brown, longtime CEO of the Iowa Clinic, is in negotiations to leave his job
- VA in midst of unprecedented building boom across Nebraska and western Iowa

KANSAS

- Anesthesiologists draw highest hourly wage in latest Kansas survey
- Several Kansas health centers rewarded for quality healthcare
- Aetna apologizes for Kansas Medicaid contract lapses, shakes up regional leadership
- Key enablers of a 'better EMR experience:' Q&A with U of Kansas Hospital CMIO Dr. Gregory Ator
- After airing complaints, Kansas Hospital Association optimistic Aetna can fix Medicaid woes
- KU Health sets opening date for KCK behavioral health campus

MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic profits almost triple in the quarter to \$500M
- Mayo to close Minnesota clinic in November
- How Allina Health is boosting nurse retention rates
- Children's Minnesota names CFO, chief development officer

- SSM Health, Allina Betting on In-Home Palliative Programs to Fill Care Gaps
- Minnesota owes about \$48M for improperly used Medicaid payments, CMS says
- Mayo Clinic's operating income jumps 88% in Q2

MISSOURI

- Fitzgibbon receives re-designation as baby friendly hospital
- The trouble with Missouri's Medicaid system, explained
- The collapse of a hospital empire — and the small towns left in the wreckage
- Boone Hospital to stay independent after BJC HealthCare split
- SSM Health, Allina Betting on In-Home Palliative Programs to Fill Care Gaps
- SSM Health Medical Minute: New ER concept coming to SLU Hospital
- Michigan hospital joins Ascension
- Here's how much Missourians spend on health care costs

NEBRASKA

- VA in midst of unprecedented building boom across Nebraska and western Iowa
- Omaha clinic tallies \$4 million in annual savings by reducing hospital, ER visits
- Omaha surgeon is Nebraska's new chief medical officer
- Darland building four-story medical office building in Nebraska

NORTH DAKOTA

- Expectations exceeded at cancer center
- North Dakota's spending on in-home care for elderly, disabled jumps as feds investigate
- Altru Health System receives top ranking
- Unity Medical Center to break ground on new hospital in Grafton
- Cobalt Rehabilitation hospital now part of Curahealth; opening in September
- Dealing with the shortage of rural physicians

SOUTH DAKOTA

- After Sanford Health Merger, Good Samaritan Pursues 3-Part Strategy
- Sanford neurosurgeon under federal investigation will leave system in September
- South Dakota council ousts hospital's board, CEO
- Former medical director says Sanford forced her to quit after she noted security concerns
- Legislative panel looks for ways to strengthen South Dakota's mental healthcare laws

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Illinois doctor accused of billing Medicaid for \$700,000 in procedures he never performed
- It's your business: IC grad Moore named hospital CEO
- Illinois mental health experts predict growth in telepsychiatry
- Advocate Aurora posts bump in expenses tied to early retirement incentives
- Oak Street Health, Advocate Health Care Unveils New Primary Care Center in Elgin
- Amita Health unveils neurology telemedicine program
- Cancer research gets \$30M boost in Illinois
- Rural hospital sells apartment complex to 'focus on primary mission'
- Lehigh Valley's new partnership will develop high-tech solutions for physician burnout

INDIANA

- Specially trained nurses invaluable to trauma care
- IU Health Bedford Announces New Chief Nursing Officer
- Aspire Indiana Names New CFO
- Study: Indiana Among Most Underfunded for Opioids
- Solve the Nursing Shortage With Compassionate Care and Earlier Education
- Indiana surgeons save lives overseas
- Riley Children's Health joins collaborative hospital network
- Porter Regional Hospital unveils 'comprehensive' cancer center

KENTUCKY

- Kentucky hospital's request for surgery center denied
- State names University of Kentucky physician as new public health commissioner
- CHFS names new commissioner for Kentucky's Department for Public Health
- Heart transplants at Jewish Hospital: KentuckyOne says now they may continue
- PMC looking to expand neonatal care unit
- Court of Appeals denies Christ Hospital's motion to reverse Circuit Court's ruling on Drawbridge site CON
- Experts Say Jewish Hospital Purchase Will Likely Face Challenges
- Louisville names Norton as Cardinals' health care provider
- US WorldMeds lands new FDA approval
- Top Humana exec to retire, sells millions in company shares
- There's new life for Jewish Hospital's heart-transplant program
- Pikeville Medical Center looks to expand NICU

- Ascension Saint Thomas and Kindred Healthcare Receive State Approval for Rehabilitation Hospital
- Kentucky Health Information Exchange Moves to New Platform
- Could UofL's R-1 rating be at stake if Jewish Hospital purchase is not finalized?
- After Closure Announcement, Jewish Hospital Heart Transplant Program Will Stay Open
- Jewish Hospital cancels suspension of Louisville heart transplant program

MICHIGAN

- Spectrum Health closing STR!VE program in Grand Rapids
- Saint Joseph Mercy Health System awarded \$19.3 million for cancer care
- Allegan Healthcare Group signs definitive agreement with Ascension Michigan
- Michigan health system can't stop nurse's race bias case
- Meeting James Dover, President & CEO of Sparrow Health System
- U of Michigan, St. Joseph Mercy in talks to build hospital
- Michigan hospital fires CEO amid financial struggles
- Michigan hospital joins Ascension
- Michigan specialty pharmacy settles class-action suit for \$14.1M
- Humana makes deal with Michigan hospitals to expand in-network offerings for MA members

OHIO

- Small city commits \$500K to help local hospital build cancer center there
- Digital diagnosis on the rise: Telemedicine connects more NE Ohio doctors with patients
- State officials aim to keep EORH open
- Cleveland Clinic IT leader points to cloud lessons learned and pain points
- 20 years later: How Ohio's review process for appealing healthcare coverage decisions has fared
- Revenue cycle leaders should be 'unyielding with vision,' MetroHealth's Donna Graham says
- 1,079 to lose jobs in Ohio, West Virginia hospital closings
- Ohio State Wexner Medical Center clears \$4B revenue mark
- Cleveland Clinic provided 46K telehealth visits in 2018
- Ohio hospital's Medicare contract in jeopardy
- Ohio physician charged with murder sues Trinity Health over defense costs
- Ohio hospital where doctor accused of opioid murders worked settles lawsuits
- New faces in leadership at four central Ohio hospital systems
- Hospital opens doors to all-encompassing Women's Center
- University Hospitals among winners as state funds new tech to help battle opioid crisis

- Cleveland Clinic leader outlines plans for growth, investment at Union Hospital

WISCONSIN

- SSM Health names new medical group president
- Wis. healthcare simulation center will open in 2020
- Advocate Aurora posts bump in expenses tied to early retirement incentives
- Lutheran Social Services unveils plans for addiction treatment center in Waukesha
- Aspirus Riverview, Mid-State partner to form training simulation center in Wisconsin Rapids
- Guest house near Froedtert Hospital goes public with \$12M campaign to double capacity
- Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories alerts 114,000 customers of data breach
- To save money, Milwaukee orthopedic surgeon meets his patient in Cancun

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Alabama hospitals gain short-term help for long-term problem
- New hospital announced for southwest Jefferson County
- 'It's a crisis under our feet': Valley nursing homes putting the elderly at risk
- Physicians, cardiac center agree to pay over \$1M to resolve allegations they received kickbacks
- Encompass planning 50-bed hospital in Atlanta area
- Sanders Trust building \$23 million Iowa rehab hospital
- Medical West to build 200-bed replacement hospital
- CMS wants return of \$1.8M overbilled by Alabama hospital in 2008
- Andalusia Health appoints Clint Kendall CEO

FLORIDA

- Nemours opens children's clinic in St. Cloud
- Florida nursing home employees charged in patient deaths
- 4 employees to face charges in Florida nursing home deaths after Hurricane Irma, lawyer says
- West Florida Hospital names Gay Nord CEO
- Tampa General opens high-tech clinical command center
- 2 Florida hospitals stripped of Medicaid funds fight state budget provision
- Southwest Florida hospitals are ready for Hurricane Dorian
- Florida AG Seeks to Scuttle Fight Over Hospital Money
- Judge threatens to hold AdventHealth in contempt over records on embattled guardian Rebecca Fierle

- Florida hospital offers new navigation system for spine surgery
- Patient suicide linked to safety issues at Florida VA hospital, OIG finds
- Hospital fellowship program enters 'wave of the future' for pain care
- Shriners, Tampa General hospitals join to treat more children

GEORGIA

- Eastside Medical Center welcomes new Chief Operating Officer
- Opioid prescription totals falling in Georgia amid deadly epidemic
- Encompass planning 50-bed hospital in Atlanta area
- Gwinnett hospitals merge into Northside system starting Aug. 28
- Children's Healthcare of Atlanta's operating income jumps in Q2
- Piedmont Newton designated as a Remote Treatment Stroke Center
- Georgia health system to launch website price estimator
- Navicent Health alerts 1,400 patients of phishing attack
- Georgia task force to tackle healthcare costs, price transparency

MISSISSIPPI

- Memorial Hospital at Gulfport names McCoo, VP, Human Resources
- Mississippi businesses ordered to pay back wages. Here's why and who they are.
- County Seeks to Exit Fiscally Troubled Mental Health Board
- Regional community health centers earn top marks
- NMMC earns award for heart attack care

NORTH CAROLINA

- UNC Hospitals Accreditation Affected After Problems Found
- Inside North Carolina's Big Effort to Transform Health Care
- Iora Primary Care to Open Five Practices Offering Quality Care for Adults on Medicare
- UNC Hospitals placed on probation by accrediting group
- Novant Health invests in AI
- Triangle health systems enter new fight for expansion in Wake County
- New Hanover Co. manager, NHRMC CEO discuss potential hospital sale at Power Breakfast
- Carteret Health Care CEO Dick Brvenik to retire
- North Carolina eyes healthcare payment reform: 6 things to know
- UNC Hospitals placed on probation by Joint Commission
- Triangle now 4th largest life science hub in US, says new report

- Teachers tackling medical needs: North Carolina schools do not meet nursing guidelines
- Medicaid transformation bill clears legislature; analysts say governor veto possible
- Certificate of need bill used for slice of mini-budget, but reforms not dead
- Community remains divided days before vote on resolution of intent to sell NHRMC

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Trident Health names new CFO
- Tidelands Health medical park to open at The Market Common
- Tidelands Health seeks state's OK to open ASC in \$44M building
- 27% of SC adults stopped taking a prescription due to cost, AARP says
- 'It's not part of the job': How MUSC is combating workplace violence

TENNESSEE

- Tennessee Hospital Association chooses new president, CEO
- PainMD countersuit against feds dismissed by court
- Wilson named CEO of STRHS Winchester and Sewanee campuses
- Ballard looks to consolidation to solve problem of too few patients, not enough staff
- \$47M SNF Breaks Ground in Tennessee
- Nashville health director Wendy Long quits after 8 months to run Tennessee Hospital Association
- Ascension Saint Thomas and Kindred Healthcare Receive State Approval for Rehabilitation Hospital
- Quorum refuses to negotiate sale of soon-to-shutter hospital, potential buyer says
- New low for CHS shares: \$1.81
- CEO resigns amid Tennessee health system's financial troubles
- East Tennessee Children's Hospital CEO Keith Goodwin to retire
- U of Tennessee Medical Center to implement mobile wayfinding platform
- Covenant Health expands telemedicine tech, services

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- CHI St. Vincent, Penn Medicine to partner on heart surgery research efforts
- Arizona Bioscience Week: Life Changing Innovation in the 48th State
- North Metro Medical Center in central Arkansas has closed, fire department says
- Penn Medicine, Arkansas hospital partnering to expedite heart surgery research
- Health Matters: Arkansas Children's Hospital launches state's first Breastfeeding Clinic

- Mental health center in Little Rock to close after 50 years
- Hospitals in the Ozarks face shortage of emergency medical responders

ARIZONA

- Arizona initiative would ask voters to raise hospital workers' pay, make other health-care changes
- Chandler 'micro-hospital' looking to shake up medicine
- 123 have unexpectedly died in nursing homes, but Arizona still gives them top grades
- Abrazo Mesa Hospital plans fall opening
- Arizona hospital group said it will fight wage-increase initiative pushed by California union
- Arizona initiative would ask voters to raise hospital workers' pay, make other health-care changes
- Local hospital's surgeon, nurse receive Health Care Heroes recognition

LOUISIANA

- Physicians, cardiac center agree to pay over \$1M to resolve allegations they received kickbacks
- Monroe doctor responds to Dept. of Justice allegations
- Lafayette General launches 2nd healthcare innovation fund
- Aetna, Centene file protest against Louisiana's picks to manage its Medicaid program

NEW MEXICO

- UNM Hospital to relocate more than 200 employees to downtown
- Presbyterian Healthcare reports phishing scam exposed 183K patients' data
- New Mexico Human Services Department Reaches Settlement With Two More Behavioral Health Providers

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma judge holds J&J liable in opioid epidemic, orders \$572 million damages
- Oklahoma receives two grants for graduate medical education
- Oklahoma's Medicaid reimbursement rates to increase 5%
- Oklahoma City medical center recognized by Human Rights Campaign Foundation
- Key Facts To Know About Medicaid Expansion Proposal
- Oklahoma Modifies 'Parental Bill of Rights' to OK Telehealth in Schools

TEXAS

- Everest Rehabilitation Hospital planning March opening in Keller
- Texas appeals court affirms \$6.4 million verdict against Memorial Hermann
- Christus has plan for Jasper births after OB unit closes
- Report: Children's Health to pay \$2.5M for naming rights to \$53M Texas high school stadium
- What's the cost? Children's Health takes credibility hit with name on Prosper football stadium

- Frisco home health firm expands hospice services with \$130 million acquisition
- Texas awards \$15.4 million to Southlake biotech firm for new cancer treatment
- Appeals Court To Houston Hospital - Pay Up
- Driscoll Health System appoints Douglas Myers CFO
- Texas oncologist, hospital blame each other for patients' lack of health records access
- Texas supermarket now selling shoppers telehealth visits
- Ben Taub system COO is out after 2 recent emergency department deaths
- Texas payer launches free telehealth services for Medicaid patients
- Christus Health to hold walk-in interviews for RNs
- Texas Medical Center joins \$16M funding for patient engagement platform startup

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Alaska budget cuts to rely on expected Medicaid savings
- Alaska weakens air ambulance membership plan regulations
- The Latest: Moda to return to Alaska individual marketplace
- Alaska hospitals take advantage of tech to coordinate care
- New South Peninsula Hospital CEO starts work

IDAHO

- Community comes first: Hospital CEO building foundation for continuous quality care
- Saint Al's employee charged with stealing \$1M, including from Festival of Trees
- Take a sneak peek inside the new St. Luke's children's pavilion
- Primary Health continues area expansion with string of new clinic locations
- Nursing homes in Spokane, North Idaho among worst-rated in nation
- Ex-employee accused of stealing \$1M from Idaho health system
- 88-bed Idaho hospital to open in November
- St. Joseph Regional Medical Center CEO Blain Claypool to resign

MONTANA

- Fixing Montana's rural healthcare crisis
- Hospital names new chief nursing officer
- Marias Healthcare opens retail pharmacy
- Gazette opinion: Better rule for rural doctor training

- Montana hospital prices among highest in national study

OREGON

- An urgent care clinic hangs its shingle in Oregon City
- OHSU Resumes Heart Transplant Program
- Study scrutinizes health of Oregon's veterans
- UO, OHSU receive \$10.1 million grant to research opioid epidemic

WASHINGTON

- An Eastside public hospital bond failed, again. 'No' voters list many reasons why.
- Physicians, cardiac center agree to pay over \$1M to resolve allegations they received kickbacks
- Nursing homes in Spokane, North Idaho among worst-rated in nation
- St. Joseph Health's Jacque Maples on why 'care for our caregivers' is key to a first-rate patient experience

WYOMING

- Wyoming Health Department looks to regulate air ambulance providers
- Memorial Hospital of Converse County names Matt Dammeyer CEO
- Wyoming floats using Medicaid program to stop massive air ambulance bills

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- California Senate OKs bill targeting hospital giant Kaiser
- MarinHealth faces competition for patients from doctor-run surgery center
- California ranks among the worst states for nursing home care
- St. Joseph Health's Jacque Maples on why 'care for our caregivers' is key to a first-rate patient experience
- Genomic sequencing startup files for \$100M IPO: 3 things to know
- Mold prompted closure of labor and delivery unit at California hospital
- California hospital set to emerge from bankruptcy after 2 years
- California Health Workers Split On Whether To Be Independent Contractors or Employees
- California Senate OKs bill targeting hospital giant Kaiser
- City Council approves issuance of \$900M in bonds for proposed hospital
- Doctors wanted: Hospital partners with community to bring more physicians to our area

COLORADO

- Colorado Kaiser Permanente workers begin strike vote Monday
- VA appoints new director of Eastern Colorado Health Care System

- DaVita CEO tops 2018 list for healthcare providers, services with 108% pay raise
- Children's Hospital Colorado earns top marks for analytics maturity from HIMSS Analytics
- The financial power of a Colorado hospital system
- Children's Hospital Colorado expanding aerial rescue fleet
- Colorado emergency rooms are trying something new to stem the opioid crisis: addiction treatment
- Colorado health system urges immigrants to remain in healthcare programs

HAWAII

- Kaiser seeks TRO blocking Queen's hospital from billing patients
- Hawaii physicians launch consumer telemedicine app

NEVADA

- Health care VP: 'It is not about the time you put in but your heart and energy'
- Specialty centers are helping remove barriers to care
- CFO of the Year Awards: Brian Kleven, CFO, Dignity Health-St. Rose Dominican Hospitals — Siena and San Martin campuses
- FTC Approves UHG-DaVita Merger Settlement in Nevada
- Lost flash drive potentially exposes 27,000 Nevada hospital patients

UTAH

- How Intermountain Healthcare Is Making 21st Century Care More Affordable
- Health Catalyst reports 60% revenue growth in Q2
- A month after going public, Health Catalyst reports 60% revenue growth in Q2
- Surprise ER bills are a bigger problem in Utah, study finds