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NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [Nuvance Health launches ad campaign alongside new branding efforts](#)
- [Connecticut close to deal in hospital lawsuit](#)

- Opioid Symposium hosted at the University of Bridgeport
- New Haven, Hartford team for cancer treatment center
- Hartford HealthCare, Yale New Haven to build joint \$72M Wallingford cancer-treatment facility
- Why CT's top healthcare rivals joined forces on cancer care
- CT fertility clinic operator spun out, gets \$31.5M cash infusion
- Cardiology practice moves into larger W. Hartford space
- ECHN wins partial approval for heart-procedures expansion

MAINE

- DHHS terminates Biddeford service agency's MaineCare contract after resident's death
- Central Maine Healthcare CFO Whitlock goes from interim to permanent
- St. Joseph Healthcare expands neurosurgery practice with addition of two neurosurgeons
- Central Maine Healthcare names John Whitlock CFO
- Three Maine hospitals now perform cutting-edge heart procedure
- MaineHealth's 2 top executives announce plans to retire
- Cyclone cuts off EHR, email access at Maine health system
- Bar Harbor hospital's ER is prescribing meds for opioid withdrawal, but it's not the only one

MASSACHUSETTS

- Arcadia Names Value-Based Care Leader as Chief Operating Officer
- Baker takes aim at 'surprise' bills in health care overhaul
- New ASC coming to Massachusetts hospital campus
- Massachusetts hospital, BCBS end feud
- Baker-Polito Administration Announces Health Care Legislation Aimed at Addressing Key Challenges
- Baker health care bill would boost spending on addiction, primary care
- AG says price transparency isn't helping consumers save on health care costs
- Cigna, Massachusetts hospital avoid service disruption with 3-year contract
- Partners HealthCare allocates \$80M for research toward new treatments
- Proposed \$16M ASC project at Massachusetts hospital gains approval
- Planned closure of Tobey maternity unit to get DPH hearing
- Fallon Health opens new elder care center

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Woman Detained In Hospital For Weeks Joins Lawsuit Against New Hampshire
- New hospital emergency department in New Hampshire will focus on older adults

- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health, West Health Partner to Create Nation's First Rural Geriatric Emergency Department
- Manchester hospital wins appeal to expand diagnostic and emergency cardiac care

NEW YORK

- NY law could prevent costly surprise ER bills in life or death situations
- Nuvance Health launches ad campaign alongside new branding efforts
- Worries Grow In New York Over Medicaid Overruns
- N.Y. nurses' union warns of hospital staffing shortfall
- Mount Sinai receives \$25M to study how environment affects patients' health
- Stony Brook Opens New Children's Hospital Building
- Behavioral health startup raises \$11M, partners with Anthem Blue Cross
- Mount Sinai opens diversity innovation hub
- Niagara Falls hospital, 1199 SEIU reach agreement
- James Helms named CFO of 2 University of Rochester Medicine hospitals
- Officials celebrate completion of Stony Brook Children's Hospital

RHODE ISLAND

- Ruggiero supports Newport Mental Health with donation
- Next phase of R.I. Health Care Cost Trends Project commences
- Providence's new Mobile Health Unit aims to improve 911 response
- CVS to expand medication disposal offerings

VERMONT

- Vermont's Capital City Facing 25% Health Care Cost Increase
- Vermont's only ACO faces greater scrutiny after \$1.4B budget proposal
- OneCare Vermont seeks approval of \$1.36 billion budget
- Vermont gets \$4.3 million in settlement with Reckitt, distributors of Suboxone
- Regional Hospitals Explore Telehealth Options To Improve Health Care Access
- State psychiatric hospital finally adopts diversity training plan
- UVM Medical Center looks internally for new president

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- How a Delaware ASC handled EHR adoption: Big challenges, best practices & lessons learned
- DHSS Secretary sounds alarm on state's limited primary care options

- Health Resources Board set to see full agendas
- New Health Clinic Opens in Kent County For Delaware Residents
- State health plan shows progress in community collaborations

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- D.C. hospital enters 4th week without running water after bacteria treatment fails
- Professional Healthcare Resources Offers Skilled Nursing in Washington DC and Arlington Maryland
- ER outreach for opioid users works in many cities. In D.C., it's off to a slow start.
- Here's what Children's National is bringing to the former Discovery HQ
- Potable water returns to DC psych hospital sued over outage

MARYLAND

- Professional Healthcare Resources Offers Skilled Nursing in Washington DC and Arlington Maryland
- A picture is worth 1,000 words, even in an EHR: How U of Maryland Medical System's CIO approaches implementations
- Luminis Health CEO: Rebranding of merged hospitals honors legacies, looks toward future
- United Therapeutics scores another FDA approval
- Lorien Health Services ranked a 2020 Best Nursing Home

NEW JERSEY

- Former orthopedic clinic, owners pay \$7.1M settlement over alleged unnecessary knee injections, braces
- New Jersey town could be in danger of losing full-service hospital
- Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey may build on school site
- New Jersey pharmacy company buys Lenexa operation
- New rehab hospital officially opens in Madison
- RWJBarnabas to acquire two CarePoint hospitals in Hudson County
- Healthgrades recognizes top N.J. hospitals in annual Report to the Nation
- NJ hospital faces closure, local leaders warn
- Johnson & Johnson agrees to \$117M settlement over deceptive marketing
- NJ Hospital Group Joins Multistate Health Care Partnership
- Tri-State Hospital Group Partners to Improve Healthcare Quality, Patient Safety

PENNSYLVANIA

- Patient Data Exposed in Philadelphia Department of Public Health Breach
- Pennsylvania ASCs achieve healthy operating margins, report finds

- Pennsylvania hospitals see boost in ER visits, admissions amid Hahnemann closure
- How Philadelphia health care institutions will use \$50M in new grants and gifts
- UPMC's CFO to retire after 16 years at helm of multibillion-dollar nonprofit
- Tower Health staffing changes to affect 60 jobs at Pennsylvania hospitals
- PA changed its standard for involuntary mental health treatment earlier this year. So why aren't counties using it?
- Tri-State Hospital Group Partners to Improve Healthcare Quality, Patient Safety
- Pennsylvania to get \$53M in opioid treatment drug settlement

VIRGINIA

- Virginia mental health hospital growth delayed, costs rise
- Application filed in effort to reopen Virginia hospital
- Faraaz Yousuf names president of Bon Secours' Richmond market
- Pratt doctors join Spotsylvania hospital
- UVA Medical Center CFO says debt collection practices are 'not unique' following KHN story
- Here's the latest on Virginia Hospital Center's expansion, now underway

WEST VIRGINIA

- WV healthcare providers offer state-of-the-art treatments for breast cancer
- Beckley ARH Hospital adds new advancements to save patients suffering heart attacks
- West Virginia hospital files for bankruptcy, owes CHS \$651K
- Williamson hospital files for bankruptcy protection

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Home health cares in Iowa, South Dakota ordered to pay
- Iowa rural hospitals make tough choices to stay lean, provide needed care
- Carroll Otolaryngologist To Pay \$1,000,000 settlement
- Iowa State fan raises more than \$1 million for Children's Hospital
- University of Iowa Health Care creates \$345,000 'chief growth officer' job
- Former hospital chief executive pleads guilty to theft
- Iowa Hospital Association spokesman fired after criticizing Gov. Reynolds for Medicaid 'mess' in Facebook post
- Nonprofit hospital's debt collection practices draw US senator's attention
- Rural hospitals make tough choices

- University of Iowa Health Care appoints Timothy Kan first chief growth officer
- University of Iowa using \$10 million state grant to address maternal healthcare crisis
- Eastern Iowa family shares need of life-saving pediatric cancer drug facing a shortage

KANSAS

- Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System names new CFO
- Physician shareholders awarded \$3.5M+ in lawsuit against 2 former practice presidents
- Kansas surgeon, spine center settle sexual harassment lawsuit
- Kansas Senate panel marches closer to shaping new Medicaid expansion bill
- Pharmacist gets more than 12 years for opioids distribution conviction

MINNESOTA

- Minnesota health regulators often fail to respond rapidly to nursing home abuse complaints
- Medicare health plans adding more counties in Minnesota, U.S.
- It's closing time for nursery caps, newborn wraps at southern Minnesota medical center
- New M Health Fairview brand has launched
- University of Minnesota seeks to prepare doctors for next generation of on-demand patients
- Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health Opens in Duluth
- MN schools struggle to address students' mental health, survey finds

MISSOURI

- Livongo expands services available to BCBS Kansas City
- NIH grants \$3.7M to Washington U for cancer genomics database
- These Missouri pharmacies received the most opioids from suppliers
- Siteman Cancer Center unveils opening date for \$26.3M facility in Florissant
- CoxHealth names 4 new leaders, including COO
- These Missouri pharmacies received the most opioids from suppliers
- NIH awards \$7.6M to create cancer research center at Wash U
- Missouri Care Signs Agreement with Capital Region Medical Center to Serve Central Missouri's Medicaid Population
- How Kansas City Hospitals Prepare To Help The Injured After A Mass Shooting

NEBRASKA

- Company gives back \$44.7 million after profiting too much on Nebraska Medicaid contract
- Nebraska ACA rates estimated to drop 15% in 2020

NORTH DAKOTA

- Applications accepted for nurse retention program
- What if you call 911 and no one comes? Inside the collapse of America's emergency medical services

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Home health cares in Iowa, South Dakota ordered to pay
- Sanford Health opens new clinic
- Three Siouxland health providers ordered to repay false claims
- Sanford Health exec's rebuke: Holdout states must expand Medicaid now
- \$3.1 million judgment entered in Medicare fraud case
- Native Americans Move to Jettison Indian Health Service and Provide Own Care

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Illinois health department: State 'showing progress' toward goal of reducing opioid deaths
- Holy Cross Hospital, losing \$2 million a month, is suspending labor and delivery and slashing its bed count from 264 to fewer than 110
- \$15 million surgical center coming for OAK Orthopedics
- Illinois lawmakers get status hearing on state's opioid crisis prevention
- MetroSouth Medical Center closure OK'd by state regulators
- Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, UChicago Medicine partner for physical medicine and rehabilitation services
- Illinois hospital unveils telehealth app for nonemergency visits

INDIANA

- 60 Indiana hospitals penalized for high number of readmissions
- Lutheran Hospital Hires New CEO
- Northwest Indiana nursing home sold by Franciscan Ministries
- Crown Point hospital employees awarded \$4 million in pension settlement
- Chicago hospital halts some services, cuts more than half its beds
- Indiana U receives \$60M to establish AI initiative for digital health
- Indy Software Firm Helping Florida Health System
- Saint Joseph Health System closing inpatient Rehabilitation Institute in Mishawaka
- Three regional hospital organizations receive grants totaling \$3 million
- Indiana Files Suit, Seeks 'Relief' in Opioid Crisis

KENTUCKY

- Humana and Microsoft announce multiyear strategic partnership
- Former orthopedic clinic, owners pay \$7.1M settlement over alleged unnecessary knee injections, braces
- Norton, U of L and physicians group make pediatrics agreement official
- Partnership Aims to Bring Digital Health Access to Rural Communities
- Norton Healthcare, U of L team up to improve medical care for children
- U of L now owns the downtown Cardiovascular Innovation Institute
- Baptist Health Floyd names interim president
- Matt Bailey to serve as interim president at Baptist Health Floyd
- CHI Saint Joseph Health launches affiliation with Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center
- Jeremy Hall named new Community CEO for Tug Valley ARH Regional Medical Center
- Ex-chief of staff's lawsuit delays \$361M Kentucky hospital sale
- Room 9 Revisited: UofL Hospital adapting, coping as gunshot wounds persist
- \$52,000 grant will go toward epilepsy unit of Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital
- Tunnel to improve safety at Pikeville Medical Center
- Baptist Healthcare's \$360M takeover plans stalled by litigation again
- Louisville health tech firm bought by Arizona company
- U of L plans to rename Jewish Hospital
- UofL Trager Institute expands health transformation for care of older adults across Kentucky
- Kentucky AG announces drug-related settlements totaling nearly \$40M
- Phoenix company expands again, buys Kentucky health tech firm

MICHIGAN

- Nursing Homes in Michigan Could See 'Devastating' Medicaid Cuts of \$37M This Year
- Physician partnership helps control Medicare costs
- Ascension Michigan at Work
- Michigan's Medicaid Program Plans to Save Millions By Eliminating PBMs
- Michigan doctor falsely diagnosed hundreds of children with epilepsy, lawsuits allege
- Beaumont CEO calls for surprise billing ban without price setting
- 'Michigan Promise' aims to bring diversity to the surgical field
- Children's Hospital of Michigan to join emergency preparedness consortium
- Spectrum Health Expands DTC Telehealth Platform to Include Teletherapy

- Couple's \$10 million gift to University of Michigan aims to improve world health
- Michigan is facing a shortage of primary care doctors. Where does that leave patients?
- Tenet Healthcare names CEOs in Memphis, Detroit

OHIO

- Ohio's Hospice plans \$8 million expansion of Washington Twp. location
- Four drug companies reach a last-minute \$260 million opioid settlement with two Ohio counties
- Cleveland Clinic, American Well Partner to Launch Digital Health Company
- Around the nation: Akron Children's now has cameras in the NICU
- NOMS Healthcare appoints leader to oversee expansion in ASC space
- CHI Saint Joseph Health launches affiliation with Cleveland Clinic Cancer Center
- Shane Knisley named as the new president of Clermont Hospital
- Mount Carmel West Hospital, 3 pharmacists cited by pharmacy board in fatal overdoses
- Ohio health system building orthopedic, robotic surgery center
- Kettering Health plans 3 new walk-in care sites in southern suburbs
- Dayton hospital network invests nearly \$3M to develop clinics
- Akron Children's rolls out NICU cameras for parents
- Tri-State Hospital Group Partners to Improve Healthcare Quality, Patient Safety

WISCONSIN

- Medical College of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital Announce Hope to Health Campaign
- State Touts Nursing As In-Demand Profession
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin announces brand and name evolution
- Groundbreaking for orthopedic surgery center in Neenah
- How a Wisconsin company figured out how to make nuclear isotopes — a vital component of heart scans
- Mayo Clinic Health System unveils \$5 million Stephen and Barbara Slaggie Family Cancer and Blood Disorders Center in La Crosse
- Wisconsin Atrium nursing homes could have new owner as soon as Nov. 15, and four others are for sale

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Where Birmingham ranks for drug costs, hospital care
- UnitedHealth drops Alabama hospitals from Mississippi managed care plans
- \$2.8M grant expands addiction care, adds more nurse practitioners to rural Alabama

FLORIDA

- University of North Florida partners with Memorial Hospital
- AdventHealth opens 1 freestanding ER, nears completion on another
- Jackson Health Pays OCR \$2.15M Penalty for Multiple HIPAA Violations
- Immigration dispute at Florida hospital draws questions about HIPAA, patient rights
- Nemours CEO Larry Moss: Let's invest more in kids' health
- Major Florida health system fined \$2M for HIPAA breach
- Bill supporting mental health of first responders moves through Florida Senate

GEORGIA

- Partnership Aims to Bring Digital Health Access to Rural Communities
- A reckoning at VA Atlanta hospital after years of problems
- Georgia to get \$3.4 million in medical implant settlement
- Rural Center aims to improve health outcomes for Georgians
- Children's Hospital of Georgia Showcasing Tru-D Robot
- The Georgia Cancer Center receives \$1 Million for pediatric cancer programs
- Sectra Wins Medical Imaging Contract at Grady Health System in Atlanta
- Gainesville health system paying patients' out-of-network costs
- Northside Hospital plans new medical facility near Mall of Georgia
- North Fulton health services to be consolidated in new building
- Northside Hospital To Open Grayson Center

MISSISSIPPI

- C Spire, University of Mississippi Medical Center debut new mobile health app
- Mississippi Hospitals File Lawsuit Against Opioid Manufacturers and Distributors
- Mississippi hospital app extends telemedicine to rural areas
- UnitedHealth drops Alabama hospitals from Mississippi managed care plans
- Twenty Mississippi hospitals join lawsuit against opioid makers, distributors

NORTH CAROLINA

- Partnership Aims to Bring Digital Health Access to Rural Communities
- FDA taps VUMC, Duke, others to lead medical product safety innovation center
- Michael Jordan opens first of 2 medical clinics in Charlotte
- 101 NC doctors got big money from drug and medical device firms. Here's what it means

- NC Medicaid biller pleads guilty to health care fraud
- City Council not sold on hospital sale, passes resolution to ask county to slow down
- Mission Health data breach: e-commerce site contained 'malicious code' for 3 years
- Washington native sworn in as NC Medical Society's 166th president
- UNC Rockingham Health Care CEO Dana Weston leaves hospital citing personal reasons
- How WakeMed is reaching new heights for innovation, including with its drone program
- North Carolina Health System Alerts Customers to Data Breach
- Mission Health alerts some customers to data breach
- Novant Health leaders talk Walgreens partnership goals for 2020
- CarolinaEast Health System partners with The Blood Connection
- CaroMont makes its case for new hospital in Belmont
- UNC System, Vidant Health reach agreement
- Mission Health employees to receive minimum wage increase
- FirstHealth of the Carolinas Announces New President of Montgomery Memorial Hospital
- Raleigh clinical trials technology startup SignalPath raises \$18M
- Non conventional healthcare on the rise in eastern Carolina
- NC's largest county-owned hospital weighs a potential sale
- North Carolina hospital should delay sale, city council says
- Novant Health named corporate champion for women and children
- County, Sentara settle hospital lease dispute
- Dilworth Residents Uneasy Over Atrium Expansion Plans
- Cape Fear Valley's Nagowski on temporary medical leave
- How WakeMed is leveraging data, CMIO Dr. Neal Chawla shares insights
- UNC Rockingham Health Care CEO Weston resigns; UNC leaders visit to discuss rural health care

SOUTH CAROLINA

- McLeod Health unveils new emergency department in Carolina Forest
- Turf war erupting over MUSC's expansion
- MUSC officials say children's hospital can withstand hurricane, earthquake at same time
- Charleston hospitality workers can't pay for health care, so a clinic is offering it for free
- Tandem Health wins 'Health Center of the Year' at conference
- Child has 'permanent injuries' after getting wrong injection at SC hospital, suit says

- Tidelands Health hospitals earn statewide recognition for patient safety
- Surgeon completes 1,000th robotic procedure at Roper Hospital
- Charleston medical firm buys rights to rosacea treatment for \$35M
- Roper St. Francis to seek new CEO in Charleston as NC partner pulls out

TENNESSEE

- Partnership Aims to Bring Digital Health Access to Rural Communities
- FDA taps VUMC, Duke, others to lead medical product safety innovation center
- Ballad Health announces new leadership in the Southwest Market
- Tennessee slashed opioid prescriptions, but deaths are still rising
- Vanderbilt children's hospital CEO Luke Gregory dies
- East Tennessee Children's Hospital: Critical chemo drug shortage won't affect patients
- An Appalachian hospital merger exposes tension over rural health care access
- Tennessee hospital fired nurse after refusing to accommodate work injury, EEOC says
- Tenet Healthcare names CEOs in Memphis, Detroit

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- CHI St. Vincent Infirmary lays off 19, cuts 9 vacant positions
- CHI eliminates 28 jobs in Arkansas
- Nursing home ills a red flag for state; bid afoot to look at firms' finances
- New Cabot Emergency Hospital provides quick, specialized care

ARIZONA

- Former orthopedic clinic, owners pay \$7.1M settlement over alleged unnecessary knee injections, braces
- Arizona quietly suspends Medicaid work requirement
- Phoenix-based company believes it has discovered major breakthrough in Alzheimer's treatment
- Arizona hospital launches new patient portal
- Phoenix company expands again, buys Kentucky health tech firm
- This Arizona nonprofit health system CEO topped the salary list at \$25.5 million in 2017

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner Health System, Color team on population health pilot program

- Louisiana puts \$5.9M into new bariatric surgery program
- OLOL opens new obesity research & treatment clinic at Pennington Biomedical
- Ochsner Health launches digital population health program
- Pilot program studies patients' genes to determine health risks

NEW MEXICO

- UNM med school to lose residency program
- Nursing residency program to tackle rural health care needs
- Presbyterian Health 'Sees' its Way to Success With Asynchronous Telehealth
- University of New Mexico dean proposes free medical school to address doctor shortage

OKLAHOMA

- Norman nursing home seized temporarily due to unpaid personal property taxes
- Advocates Push For Medicaid Expansion In Oklahoma
- Northeastern Health System appoints Rick Wagner CFO
- Health Care Authority seeking national Medicaid consultant to help Gov. Stitt redesign Oklahoma's health care system

TEXAS

- Former orthopedic clinic, owners pay \$7.1M settlement over alleged unnecessary knee injections, braces
- Houston Methodist deploys AI platform to streamline patient-provider interactions
- Medical City's new \$107 million cancer hospital in Plano opens to patients next week
- Tenet Healthcare names CEOs in Memphis, Detroit
- Texas Health improperly mails bills, data as about 82,000 patients were affected
- \$18 Billion Settlement Talks for McKesson and Other Opioid Distributors
- North Texas health insurance provider expands to Houston, partners with major hospital systems
- Texas HHS Kicks Off New Austin State Hospital Redesign
- Flooded Winnie hospital and clinic makes progress
- When a freestanding emergency department comes to town, costs go up
- Tech-focused health insurance startup Oscar looks to make splash in Dallas return
- Clear Lake hospital to build \$40M medical office facility for physician recruitment

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- State of Alaska Department of Revenue Invests \$310,000 in Prestige Consumer Healthcare Inc
- Judge orders state to end practice of holding psychiatric patients in jails, ERs

IDAHO

- Saint Alphonsus - Nampa recognized as Level III Stroke Center
- St. Luke's was granted \$3.4 million for suicide prevention in Idaho
- Kootenai Health unveils epilepsy monitoring unit
- Idaho officials submit Medicaid expansion waiver regarding family planning processes
- Portneuf Medical Center CEO stepping down

MONTANA

- VA: New Missoula health clinic scheduled for 2022 opening
- Kalispell Regional Healthcare Data Breach Could Affect 130,000 Patients
- Bozeman Health sets minimum wage, ups 1,100 workers' wages
- Sidney Health Center Receives 3 Montana Awards For Cardiac And Stroke Efforts
- Virtual health care critical for Montana veterans

OREGON

- Oregon hospital planning for resiliency
- Community Health Centers Partner with OCHIN for New EHR System
- McLean | Oregon's rural patients deserve access to quality hospice care
- Oregon's Brown appoints panel to address health care costs
- How Oregon Coastal Hospitals Are Prepping For The Cascadia Megaquake

WASHINGTON

- Bayer G4A partners with Seattle startups Litesprite and Prevencio on digital health efforts
- MultiCare partners with Denver-based firm to offer house-call medical care in Spokane
- King County voters being asked to renew levy funding emergency medical services
- Whistleblower alleges Medicare fraud at iconic Seattle-based health plan
- WA State Law On Behavioral Care Balances Parental Rights And Teen Autonomy

WYOMING

- Casper company to pay \$50k in wage discrimination case
- WYDOH analyzes data for first State Health Improvement Plan
- What if you call 911 and no one comes? - Inside the collapse of America's emergency medical services.

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Company that runs Sacramento's Dignity lays off 109 health care workers, citing budget woes
- California physician convicted in \$12M Medicare scam
- California's drug pricing transparency law reveals stunning increases in wholesale prices
- How the Cerner-Adventist jobs switch will affect California employees
- Debbie Mason departs as CEO of Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County
- New Stanford Medicine Pediatric CEO: Impacting a child's life is 'intoxicating'
- Community Health Centers Partner with OCHIN for New EHR System
- Dignity Health to cut staff at four local hospitals
- UCI Health Implements Provider Information Management Platform

COLORADO

- Colorado's legislative, executive branches open to improved oral healthcare access
- MultiCare partners with Denver-based firm to offer house-call medical care in Spokane
- Hyatt Regency Donates \$250,000 to the CU Anschutz Medical Campus
- Healthgrades names the top Colorado specialty hospitals for 2020
- "This is my dream job": UCHealth program trains students with disabilities, prepares them for workforce
- Colorado rehab hospital lets patients practice airline boarding at airport
- Southwest Health Alliance to see startup savings through new partnership
- Northwest Colorado Health: Nurse-Family Partnership celebrates 20 years in Yampa Valley
- CHI releases statewide strategic plan for substance abuse disorder recovery
- UCHealth Northern Colorado Foundation announces annual philanthropic and scholarship awards

HAWAII

- Humana to increase Honolulu presence through community outreach
- Hawaii workers at Kaiser affiliate approve contract

NEVADA

- Nevada bill aims to find cure for child cancers, creates new license plate
- Reno Hospital Preps Oct 18 Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Between life and death, patients left with little choice on air ambulance costs in rural Nevada
- Intermountain scoops up land in Las Vegas

- Sierra Medical Center: First new Reno full-service hospital in a century breaks ground

UTAH

- Intermountain addresses rare side effects from certain chemotherapy treatments
- UPS to Expand Medical Drone Service to University of Utah Health
- How Intermountain's chief health information officer tackles innovation, customization
- Intermountain scoops up land in Las Vegas