

### NOVEMBER 22, 2019

### **HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - NOVEMBER 22, 2019**

#### NATIONAL

- How predictive analytics can help hospitals manage administrative, clinical functions
- Analysis finds big drugmakers could lose \$1 trillion in sales and still be most profitable industry
- How Hospitals Can Impact the Social Determinants of Health
- PhRMA's revenue hit record \$459M in 2018
- American Hospital Association, provider groups to sue over final rule
- CMS cracks down on regulatory loopholes and state schemes in Medicaid payments
- FDA blasted at medical device hearings
- Hospitals hit by ransomware attacks are seeing an increase in heart patients' death rates
- Another appeals court upholds CMS' controversial 2017 DSH payment rule
- CMS unveils plans to resolve Medicare overpayments
- IBM Watson names top 50 cardiovascular hospitals
- 5% of nursing homes flagged for abuse by CMS
- Average hospital expenses per inpatient day across 50 states
- Charity to pay \$4 million to resolve U.S. pharma kickback probe
- CMS chief backs hospital price transparency rule
- Second judge tosses HHS 'conscience rule'
- White House Unveils Finalized Health Care Price Transparency Rule
- AHA closes on \$50M strategic venture fund
- How Hospitals Are Battling the Opioid Epidemic
- PillPack launches Amazon Pharmacy branding
- Retail pharmacy giants get opioid trial start date
- USDA to invest \$42.5M in telemedicine initiatives
- States ranked by shortage of primary care providers

#### **NORTHEAST**

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

#### CONNECTICUT

- $\circ\;$  Negotiations between Day Kimball, for-profit hospital chain collapse
- Danbury Hospital is Connecticut's Most Litigious: Report



- Danbury Hospital to Change Debt Collection Practices
- Connecticut Doctor Charged With Illegal Distribution of Opioids
- Connecticut hospital known for suing patients to be investigated by state

#### MAINE

- Former Oregon health care executive will lead EMMC
- CEO of Large Maine Health System Departing for New Job
- Maine hospital to fill leadership position after 8 months
- Inspection finds Maine hospital failed to secure records
- Central Maine Healthcare to build \$35M cancer center
- Cleaning staff at Maine hospital had access to patient records
- $\circ\;$  After a rocky year, Bridgton Hospital is working to win back patients
- Northern Light Health CEO to step down for role with trade association
- Company in federal surprise billing debate to staff 2 Maine hospital ERs
- Hutches to leave MMH at year-end

#### MASSACHUSETTS

- $\circ~$  1 in 4 Massachusetts nursing homes at risk of closing, report finds
- CNA tried to cover up fatal patient drop at Massachusetts nursing home
- Deborah Bitsoli named president of Mercy Medical Center and affiliates
- Nantucket Hospital Delivers \$400,000 in Community Health Initiative Grants
- Massachusetts General Hospital settles whistleblower's complaint for \$13M
- Berkshire Health Systems in throes of 'massive' streamlining of patient records
- Health Foundation of Central Mass. awards grants
- New Hampshire hospitals, Mass General fight for merger
- Berkshire Health Systems to implement \$35M Meditech EHR
- Harvard Pilgrim's net income falls more than 50% in Q3

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

- Beth Israel Lahey opens new primary care center in Seabrook
- Hospitals launch campaign to overcome affiliation rejection
- Nursing assistant gets 1 year probation in connection to VA patient's death
- Public can comment on Frisbie Memorial Hospital sale to HCA
- $\circ$  In a single year, 14,000 kids were affected by NH's opioids disaster
- New Hampshire hospitals, Mass General fight for merger



#### **NEW YORK**

- $\circ~$  NYU Langone Health to open patient access contact center in Florida
- New York hospitals: Here's how they ranked in new safety report. Many fared poorly
- Kaleida Health, HighPointe nursing home hit with \$500,000 penalty
- New York Faces A Multibillion-Dollar Medicaid Gap
- New York hospital CFO: Without quick move to privatize, affiliate we will lose \$806K in Q1
- S.I. hospitals have treated antibiotic-resistant infections; deaths in U.S. rise
- New York hospital suspends nurses for declining flu shots
- New York physician closes free medical clinic citing increasing EHR, administrative tasks
- Memorial Sloan Kettering's profit up 12.8% through Q3
- New York hospital audit doesn't show full extent of billing problem
- Catholic Health to cut 200 positions

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

- RI hospital employees ordered to get flu shots or wear masks
- Upward Health Announces New VP Of Clinical Services

#### VERMONT

- UVM Health Network launches \$151 million medical records system
- Officials plan human services website to replace Vermont Health Connect
- In Midst Of Financial Struggle, Vermont Hospitals Boost Workforce Programs
- UVM Health Networks new system is live
- How Hospitals Are Battling the Opioid Epidemic
- Questions during physical could cost extra, Vermont patients warned

#### **MID-ATLANTIC / EAST**

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

#### DELAWARE

- In unsealed documents, Christiana Care auditor says doctors billed for work they didn't do
- Bank of America donates \$500K to ChristianaCare cancer fund
- Hospitals in Maryland and Delaware were graded on safety. Here's how they did

#### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

- $\circ~$  Children's National launches innovation partnership with Virginia Tech
- Whitman-Walker Is Opening A Huge New Healthcare Facility At St. Elizabeths
- Children's National Health System, Virginia Tech team up on innovation campus



- · CareFirst investing millions in D.C. area for infant mortality, maternal health initiatives
- Texas Children's, Children's National are founding investors of AI analytics startup

#### MARYLAND

- Maryland Hospital Safety Grades Released
- Kaiser Permanente plans 10 new care facilities in Greater Baltimore
- Kaiser plans \$13B expansion in Baltimore area
- $\circ~$  Hospitals in Maryland and Delaware were graded on safety. Here's how they did
- Maryland seeks new deputy health secretary. Starting salary? Up to \$465,000
- UM UCH's Rod Kornrumpf Receives 2019 Maryland Rural Health Award

#### **NEW JERSEY**

- $\circ\;$  Innovation, excellence drive New Jersey's rise to the top tier in health care
- $\circ\;$  More doctors are burned out, and patients are paying the price
- Nearly 3K More Layoffs Announced In NJ
- Bergen New Bridge CEO speaks on the future of health care
- Jersey City Medical Center Opens Radiation Oncology Practice in Partnership with Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey

#### PENNSYLVANIA

- $\circ~$  Jefferson Health Adds Telehealth to an Urgent Care Triage Platform
- Trustees committee recommends three Hershey Medical Center renovation projects
- Temple Hospital uses virtual reality headsets to help burn victims in PT
- Delco specialty pharmacy company closing Boothwyn site, laying off 73
- Highmark announces partnership to improve home-based care
- Penn Medicine's tips for managing and integrating technology after healthcare acquisitions
- $\circ~$  Geisinger, St. Luke's joint venture hospital to open this month
- $\circ~$  Main Line Health signs deal to attract more international patients
- Hahnemann sale expected to trigger more oversight for hospital closures
- WHS Washington Hospital Receives Award for Safety
- Delco hospital names new president
- $\circ\,$  Joe Hugar out as president of Sharon Regional Medical Center

#### VIRGINIA

- At Sentara Healthcare, biometric tech links patients to correct records
- Hospitals reach milestone 10,000th robotics surgical case
- Children's National Health System, Virginia Tech team up on innovation campus



- Virginia psychiatric hospitals run short on open beds
- Norton Community Hospital foundation board takes new name, mission

#### WEST VIRGINIA

- Sneak peek into new behavioral unit at Reynolds Memorial Hospital
- CEO of West Virginia's largest health system maps out growth strategy
- WVU Medicine CEO: state's largest health system continues growth
- $\circ~$  Jackson General becomes full member of the WVU Health System
- With affiliation, WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital has new offerings
- Mon Health CEO: Reforms, efficiency measures having positive impact on health system
- Health care in WV: State faces unique set of challenges, opportunities
- Nurses at Cabell Huntington Hospital vote to unionize
- WVU Medicine welcomes JGH to the family
- WVU Medicine receives funding for children's tower
- West Virginia attorney general files opioid lawsuit against Endo Health Solutions Inc. and Mallinckrodt LLC

#### **CENTRAL**

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

#### **IOWA**

- US Supreme Court rejects rural Iowa hospital's challenge over Medicare payments
- Shortage of Obstetricians Among Reasons Many Iowa Maternity Wards Have Closed
- Hospital navigating recent changes
- UnityPoint Health enlists remote hospitalists for overnight patient care

#### KANSAS

- University of Kansas Health System and private partner to acquire Topeka hospital
- $\circ\;$  Like so many small-town hospitals, this one in Kansas is struggling to stay alive
- · Payments To Hospitals Aren't Always Timely, But Kansas Says Medicaid Contractor Making Progress
- Medicaid work rules would come at high cost to Kansas, Kelly official warns lawmakers
- Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback vetoes Medicaid expansion bill

#### **MINNESOTA**

- River's Edge Hospital announces CEO finalists
- New Essentia program offers holistic mental health care in Superior
- Mayo Clinic Health System receives major complaint allegations over patient care
- $\circ\;$  New Redleaf Center at Hennepin Healthcare will support the mental health of new parents



- An expanding Mayo Clinic sees net income double
- Minnesota hospitals using antibiotics more carefully
- BCBS of Minnesota partners with digital health company
- Minnesota groups report errors in Medicare website

#### MISSOURI

- Changing healthcare's business model: SSM Health's Carter Dredge on making healthcare work for everyone
- $\circ~$  St. Mary's Hospital expands its emergency room
- Medical School to donate \$250,000 to PAC pushing for Medicaid expansion amendment
- As Missouri Aligns Education And Job Training, St. Louis Community College Homes In On Health Care
- Hospital workers ask: How can I be safe from assaults by patients?
- Mayor Lucas wants funding routed to trauma and mental health services
- Springfield doctors gather signatures for Medicaid expansion
- Cyber thieves target medical group in Sikeston, Mo.
- Rural hospitals struggle in Missouri
- Missouri health system alerts patients of ransomware attack
- $\circ\;$  Surprised by an ER bill? A company that staffs KC hospitals faces reports of overcharging

#### NEBRASKA

- $\circ~$  Nebraska City hospital one of only 16 in U.S. offering incisionless treatment for tremors
- Medicaid payment rates blamed as rural nursing home closures pick up pace in Nebraska
- Nebraska Medicine to open lab focusing on heart health
- Rural nursing home closures pick up pace in Nebraska; Medicaid payment rates blamed
- Winnebago hospital again offering inpatient care

#### **NORTH DAKOTA**

- North Dakota Behavioral Health Is Redesigning Its Social Services Program
- New North Dakota Children's Cabinet looks to improve children's services
- Some students face barriers when it comes to immunizations

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

- $\circ~$  Neurosurgeon hit with false claims complaint after Sanford's \$20M settlement
- Monument, Mayo Clinic partnership to bring resources, telehealth to Black Hills
- Not a Good Week for Sanford Health
- South Dakota doctor made millions of dollars performing unnecessary surgeries, feds say
- $\circ~$  South Dakota health system to join Mayo network, change name



- Mayo Clinic establishes foothold in South Dakota
- South Dakota first responders receive \$3.6 Million grant to fund new technology
- DOJ levels false claims, kickback allegations against a South Dakota neurosurgeon
- Anti-meth campaign shines light on South Dakota statistics

#### **MIDWEST**

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

#### ILLINOIS

- Advocate BroMenn Medical Center patient safety grade falls in latest report
- Some Illinois hospitals fail to make the grade in new safety report
- Advocate Aurora Health Post-Acute Division Re-Defining Clinical Resources to Transform Patient Outcomes
- Illinois hospital adds \$39.6M outpatient addition
- Lawsuit challenges 'biometric data' use
- U Of Chicago Hospital Nurses Set To Strike Again Nov. 26
- President of 2 BJC HealthCare Illinois hospitals to retire
- Top Chicago news: Hospital moves sick children ahead of nurses strike; tech firm to hire 200; more
- Interview with CEO Mark Berger Chicago
- Evanston nursing home fined \$25,000 for care policy violations
- Carle health system to take majority ownership of North Carolina nonprofit insurer
- University of Chicago Medical Center closes level 1 trauma center ahead of strike
- How Advocate Aurora Health is working to improve wound care outcomes

#### INDIANA

- New Executives Join Columbus Regional
- IU Health invests \$100M in community impact fund
- Hospital group contests Ball State study
- Parkview at heart of effort to set healthy course for city
- Regional Health Systems CEO to retire
- Indiana investor acquires \$24M of medical office buildings, some with surgery centers in 4 states
- IU Health invests \$100M to tackle social determinants of health
- Maternity care deserts endanger mothers and babies in Indiana's rural communities
- Indiana hospital: We failed to disinfect surgical tools
- Indiana physician group warns 3,500 patients of data breach
- Regenstrief Partners with Startup on Nursing Home Care



- IU to Help FDA Understand Drug Quality Metrics
- High-Tech Life Sciences Firm to Build in Miami County
- $\circ~$  Eli Lilly expands Indianapolis insulin facility, adding 100 jobs
- How Parkview Health keeps workplace safety front and center

#### KENTUCKY

- Primary Care Centers becomes UK health's first non hospital affiliate
- Owensboro Health's financial team wins national award
- 25% of Ky. rural hospitals facing serious financial strain
- Northern Kentucky hospital leading charge in early lung cancer detection
- Kentucky hospital developing outpatient surgical, medical campus
- T.J. Samson improves safety grade to B rating
- St. Elizabeth CEO Appointed to Foundation Board by Gov. Bevin
- U of L Defends Jewish Hospital Purchase, Asks State For Loan
- University of Louisville takes credit hit over KentuckyOne deal
- U of L makes its case to Kentucky lawmakers for \$50M state loan in Jewish Hospital deal
- Lawmakers demand answers as U of L assesses Jewish Hospital's condition
- U of L CFO downplays credit downgrade from KentuckyOne deal
- Humana controls a big share of the home care and hospice markets but it's not the biggest
- Here are the top 20 providers that Medicare paid in Louisville
- Norton Healthcare's profit is up 48% for the year so far
- How Kindred Innovations has found success in an 'atypical' model of looking inward to branch out
- KY hospital to pay \$10.1M to resolve False Claims, anti-kickback allegations
- Norton Healthcare's profit continues to climb

#### MICHIGAN

- Beaumont Health must offer interpreters for deaf patients, DOJ says
- Beaumont Health opens urgent care facility, plans 30 centers by end of 2020
- Beaumont sues Michigan's CON commission over rejected Oxford hospital plans
- Michigan Rehabilitation Hospital Begins Epic EHR Implementation
- Construction to start this week on \$85M medical innovation building
- Michigan hospital pays \$8M to transition to Covenant HealthCare's Epic EHR
- ASCs in Texas, Michigan, Tennessee closed this year
- Michigan finds some success fighting opiate crisis on front line: emergency rooms



- USDA grant to fund access to education and healthcare in rural Michigan
- Trinity Health sees net income plunge 60% as operating margin improves

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- Dayton hospital names new president
- Cleveland Clinic gifted \$261 million; largest monetary donation in hospital system's history
- Firm focused on hospital revenue opens office in Cincinnati
- Ohio State Wexner Medical Center using lasers for kidney stone surgery
- Grandview Medical Center President Rebecca Lewis to retire
- Apprentice program aims to fill health care worker shortage
- Dayton Children's Hospital celebrates a miracle
- Premier Health embraces 'top down' approach to diversity, inclusion
- Dayton pharmacy acquired by Texas-based company
- Dayton Children's lands highest trauma center designation
- $\circ~$  CareSource to remove Walgreens from pharmacy network, 24 Dayton locations impacted

#### WISCONSIN

- Advocate Aurora Health Post-Acute Division Re-Defining Clinical Resources to Transform Patient Outcomes
- Children's Wisconsin announces plan to improve access to behavioral health care for children, adolescents
- Children's Wisconsin develops mental health plan, needs \$150M to implement
- Children's Wisconsin unveils \$150 million plan to increase mental health services
- Urgent care now available at Marshfield Clinic Stevens Point center
- Mayo Clinic incorporates telestroke program to inpatient setting
- $\circ~$  How Advocate Aurora Health is working to improve wound care outcomes
- Sixteenth Street plans behavioral health clinic at Badger Mutual's south side HQ building

#### SOUTH/SOUTHEAST

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

#### ALABAMA

- $\circ~$  Gulf Shores signs agreement for Freestanding Emergency Department
- UAB Health receives \$3.5M grant for telemedicine-delivered eye care
- Alabama looking for ways to tackle opioid crisis
- New Security Measures Added to Baptist Health Hospitals
- Alabama healthcare experts push for change as most rural hospitals operate in the red
- Rural hospitals face financial hurdles in North Alabama



#### **FLORIDA**

- $\circ~$  NYU Langone Health to open patient access contact center in Florida
- Sacred Heart adds Ascension to its name
- South Florida physician among wave of health care professionals looking to lifestyle medicine to address various chronic illnesses
- Lawsuit claims lobbyist controls Broward Health board appointments
- $\circ~$  Florida medical school loses 40% of student training sites after partnering with HCA
- Johns Hopkins All Children's agrees to pay \$800K fine
- Mayo Clinic Jacksonville announces cutting edge cancer treatment
- Florida-based University Hospital & Medical Center names Ben Harris CEO
- BayCare to build \$200M hospital near rival Florida facility

#### **GEORGIA**

- $\circ\;$  Looking at the Floyd Healthcare merger: Competition and local control, an analysis
- $\circ~$  Construction Begins on \$469 Million Cancer Care Tower in Midtown
- Investment bank sues Georgia hospital for \$4.7M in unpaid fees
- Doctor urges action during public hearings on new Georgia Access health insurance project
- Georgia gets an 'F' grade in preventing preterm births

#### MISSISSIPPI

- $\circ~$  North Mississippi Medical Center Gilmore-Amory CEO J. Allen Tyra stepping down
- Mississippi wants input on community health survey
- Local hospital executive leaving for Meridian job

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

- $\circ~$  Former Mission Hospital CEO receives prestigious award by Governor Cooper
- $\circ~$  Dr. Phillip Jackson appointed president of Sentara Albemarle Medical Center
- Randolph Health holds talks
- Novant's top executive receives 3.9% increase in total compensation to \$3.55M for fiscal 2018
- Report: Cone doctors among those statewide to receive millions from drug companies to speak and consult
- $\circ\;$  Attorney general looking into Mission Health clinic closures
- Health care IT company to create 400 jobs in North Carolina
- $\circ~$  Randolph Health to present plan on future of hospital for the county
- New Erlanger trustee brings decades of hospital industry expertise to volunteer role
- NHRMC partnership advisory group holds third meeting
- Merz hopes to make Raleigh the center of booming medical aesthetics market



- · Wake Forest Baptist first in region to offer micro-arthroscopy system
- Winston-Salem health system partners with Seattle AI firm
- NHRMC: New Surgical Pavilion lobby set to open Tuesday
- Nonprofit organized to stop sale or partnership of NHRMC
- Skanska Constructing University Of North Carolina Surgical Tower
- Hale named CEO of Blue Ridge Regional
- NC's Medicaid transformation suspended indefinitely
- Struggling Randolph Health in talks with Cone Health
- Former exec sues Novant Health for 'reverse discrimination'

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- How a new South Carolina law is helping nurse practitioners expand their roles
- New MUSC children's hospital anticipating mid-December opening date
- McMaster budget to include \$10M for flooding relief for Charleston medical district
- Summerville Medical Center names Sonia Baughman CFO
- New S.C. bill aims to protect nurses, doctors from workplace violence

#### TENNESSEE

- Quorum in talks to divest 4 hospitals
- Tennessee Health System Completes Epic Systems EHR Implementation
- Tennessee building new 100,000-square-foot hospital with surgery center
- Patient records at CHI Memorial hospitals get \$67 million upgrade, now easier to share with some outside hospitals
- Tennessee-based urgent care provider Urgent Team grows to largest in Arkansas
- Ballad Health announces Kingsport Visioning Committee
- Jackson Clinic and Baptist Memorial to partner on new surgery center in North Jackson
- Matthew Gibson taking over Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation as new CEO
- Why a Franklin health care firm bought a recycling organization
- Deal grows Brentwood health care firm's footprint
- Saint Thomas Midtown begins work on new women's hospital
- Murphy Hospital Will Close Labor and Delivery In December
- Maury Regional 'ondemand' telehealth app offers \$69 urgent care visits

#### SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST

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



#### ARKANSAS

- $\circ\;$  Tennessee-based urgent care provider Urgent Team grows to largest in Arkansas
- Report puts Arkansas third-highest in cost of worker health plans
- UAMS breaks ground on \$150 million energy project at Little Rock campus
- NYITCOM-Arkansas will start Delta Population Health Institute
- Hospital's Virtual ICU getting an upgrade

#### ARIZONA

- LHC Group Acquires Hospices in Arizona, Idaho
- Advocacy group settles lawsuit against Arizona State Hospital
- Northern Arizona Healthcare opens outpatient center 3 insights
- Steward Hospital in Phoenix to Close
- Arizona hospital closure will result in 655 layoffs
- Families and lawmakers look to shut the 'revolving door' of Arizona's behavioral health system

#### LOUISIANA

- Agency ordered to pay \$13.4M for submitting false Medicaid claims for nursing homes
- Louisiana Agrees to Repay \$13M in Medicaid Claims Settlement
- · Louisiana Medicaid patients use emergency rooms more, but not Medicaid expansion patients
- Sale of struggling Louisiana public hospital more likely than lease, sources say

#### **NEW MEXICO**

- Molina Healthcare Donates \$38,000 to Support New Mexico Nonprofits That Focus on Social Determinants of Health and Improve Mental Health
- New Mexico VA official taking steps to curb veterans' suicides
- State senator again pushes for mental health support of UNM student-athletes

#### **OKLAHOMA**

- Oklahoma Lawmakers Examining Financial Struggles Of Rural Hospitals
- Oklahomans spending more for health care even with employer-provided insurance
- Oklahoma rehabilitation hospital introduces new therapy treatment for stroke patients
- Sickle cell treatment cleared for use derived from OKC researcher's discoveries

#### TEXAS

- Baylor Scott & White CEO Jim Hinton: Digital-physical fusion will solidify legacy brands' place in the future of healthcare
- ASCs in Texas, Michigan, Tennessee closed this year
- $\circ~$  St. David's South Austin Medical Center Names COO



- Steward Health Care taps Health Catalyst for data management
- Parkland MD to become next Harris Health CEO
- · Hospital leaders address challenges health care providers face in Lake Houston area
- Texas Health's Senior Meal Programs are Reducing Emergency Care Usage
- UT regents approve \$95M to fund 2 facilities in Tyler
- North Texas Team Chosen for Federal AI Healthcare Challenge
- NMC Health Network CEO Philip Koovakada to resign
- Texas Children's, Children's National are founding investors of AI analytics startup

#### NORTHWEST

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

#### ALASKA

- State program helping Alaska hospitals fill medical positions
- Public health nurses collaborate with OSMAP to address substance misuse
- SHARP program aids in filling Alaska's health care needs

#### **IDAHO**

- St. Luke's CEO To Retire In January
- Idaho Names Six Rural Health Heroes:
- Former hospital worker to pay \$1.5 million in restitution
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issues approvals for Idaho Medicaid expansion
- LHC Group Acquires Hospices in Arizona, Idaho
- 'Culture really does start at the top': St. Luke Health's CEO Dr. David Pate reflects on his decadelong tenure
- More urgent care centers coming to the Treasure Valley
- Idaho hospital CEO says 3 spine robot investments bolster patient care
- St. Joe's and Regence remain at odds

#### MONTANA

- Kalispell hospital fined in aftermath of fraud and kickbacks
- Helena-based nonprofit receives \$15M federal contract for health care quality improvement
- Dr. Scott Ellner selected as new Billings Clinic CEO

#### OREGON

- Portland area hospital is changing its name. Here's why.
- All Seattle Children's operating rooms now closed after mold resurfaces
- Oregon Health & Sciences creates drug price transparency tool for Epic EHR



- American Heart Association's Chairmans Award goes to Portland internist, cardiologist Cheryl Pegus, M.D., M.P.H., for outstanding volunteer efforts to reduce health disparities
- Oregon Health System Implements Drug Pricing Tool into Epic EHR
- ZOOM+Care Heads South, With New Clinic In Tukwila, WA

#### WASHINGTON

- PeaceHealth adds proven nursing leader to its board of directors
- Swedish Medical Center nurses in Seattle vote to strike, demand 'equity and inclusion'
- Seattle Children's closes 10 operating rooms until January
- Seattle Children's Hospital CEO announces five more mold-related deaths since 2001
- Seattle Children's: More than 250 surgeries postponed so far
- ZOOM+Care Heads South, With New Clinic In Tukwila, WA
- $\circ~$  Washington hospital may run out of cash by 2021, CEO says
- EvergreenHealth Monroe taps Lisa LaPlante as chief administrative officer

#### WYOMING

- St. John's Medical Center evolves
- Wyoming committee advances Medicaid expansion bill
- The state of medical research in Wyoming

#### **WEST**

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

#### CALIFORNIA

- Providence St. Joe's to embark on massive branding effort
- Former CEO will sell California health clinics to settle billing fraud allegations
- Top-ranked large company: Aya Healthcare creates flexibility for its workers
- Sutter Health settlement over Stark Law violation accusation tops \$46M
- California hospital selects Allscripts EHR
- Joseph D'Angina names CFO of Mercy Medical Center Redding
- 1,000 Providence St. Joseph workers strike in Northern California
- Rady Children's gets historic \$200M gift
- UC Davis Children's installs webcams in NICU
- Dignity Health to build 3-story center in Central California

#### **COLORADO**

- Denver's Rose Medical Center, celebrating 70 years, created a culture that countered post-war discrimination
- · Colorado's Largest Home Health Agency Affiliates with Expanding Nonprofit Care Network



- 3-practice urology group in Colorado leases surgery center, clinic space
- St. Mary's Medical Center remodels its pediatric wing
- UCHealth Memorial Hospital North expansion offers new, advanced services
- Fruita hospital adds telemedicine services
- SCL Health to launch virtual care platform

#### HAWAII

- $\circ\;$  Nurses at medical center picket over frustrations with absentee policy
- University of Hawaii medical school JABSOM team honored by international health organization
- New Hawaiian Hospital to Install 500 Security Cameras
- Nurses at Straub Medical Center picket over frustrations with absentee policy
- Hawaii Island health center to receive more than \$1M in federal funding

#### **NEVADA**

- North Las Vegas senior center's \$7M expansion underway
- Saint Mary's Health Network CEO Helen Lidholm to resign in 2020

#### UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare Says It Is Well-Positioned for the Future in Annual Report to the Community
- Intermountain officials mark successes in telehealth services, envision company as 'Amazon Prime of health care'
- Eye practice to cut ribbon on new ASC in Utah
- Intermountain Healthcare CEO diagnosed with blood cancer
- How a separate venture company spurs Intermountain's innovations
- Intermountain Healthcare vows to cut back on antibiotic prescriptions in urgent care network