

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - DECEMBER 13, 2019

### NATIONAL

- CMS Administrator Seema Verma scoffs at hospital execs' arguments against transparency
- Hospital employed physicians see 7% drop in compensation for 2018: 14 statistics to know
- Physician Compensation Programs Move Toward Value-Based Pay
- Standalone hospitals in the M&A era: 3 CFOs to watch
- Optum's 'city by city' healthcare strategy
- 3 ASC leaders forecast 2020 business trends
- More state laws back telehealth, but many stop short of mandates
- CMS targets pay schemes
- Lawmakers pushing for stronger HHS oversight of patient assistance charities
- New CMS rules put the focus on informed patient choice
- Rural Medical Students Make Up 4.3% of Future Docs, Study Finds
- Millennials trust Amazon, Google more than health systems
- Surprise billing ban draft: Middle ground leaves few pleased
- Key House and Senate health leaders reach deal to stop surprise medical bills
- Ascension Ventures, HITRUST & more form data security coalition
- CMS to repay hospitals millions for off-campus clinic visits

### NORTHEAST

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

#### **CONNECTICUT**

- CT hospitals receive \$1.8B in lawsuit settlement
- Lawmakers to learn more about Connecticut hospital tax deal
- New faces at top of Bridgeport hospitals
- Hospitals to receive \$1.8 B to settle provider tax lawsuit against CT
- Griffin Health chosen to pilot social care coordination network Unite Connecticut
- Error causes second unnecessary hysterectomy at Bridgeport Hospital
- New Initiative Connects Hospitals To Community Organizations
- Diversified Search Finds CEO for Eastern Connecticut Health Network

#### **MAINE**

- Mercy Hospital receives anonymous \$1M gift for campus consolidation

- [Maine Hospital Gets Boost Toward Planned New Portland Campus](#)
- [New leader will contend with EMMC's low national ratings](#)
- [Janet Mills will allow \\$1M in additional nursing home funding to move forward after delay](#)
- [Supreme Court to hear \\$12B ACA payment case](#)
- [The Maine hospitals with no staff certified to do sexual assault exams](#)
- [Maine and Alaska insurance companies bring 'bait and switch' complaint to Supreme Court Justices](#)

## MASSACHUSETTS

- [Nantucket Cottage Hospital names new president and CEO](#)
- [Massachusetts Lab to Pay \\$26M for Scheme With Texas Doctors](#)
- [Beth Israel Lahey expands orthopedic surgery care, using Baptist Hospital as model](#)
- [Brigham Health, Google leaders join lab testing startup's advisory board](#)
- [Partners HealthCare generates \\$14 billion in revenue](#)
- [Brigham and Women's launches app-based study of employee sleep, productivity](#)
- [Atrius Health reaching back to its managed roots](#)
- [Wellforce health system names new CEO](#)
- [VA health facility staff shortages have not impacted Brockton's](#)

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Littleton Regional Healthcare Partners With Dartmouth To Provide Care Via Telemedicine](#)
- [Exeter Hospital says survey supports merger talks](#)
- [New Hampshire Voters Share Their Views On Medicare For All](#)
- [Sen. Maggie Hassan shares New Hampshire woman's story to highlight rising health-care costs](#)

## NEW YORK

- [Wyoming County hospital names new CEO](#)
- [Hospital for Special Surgery to open in Industry City](#)
- [Mohawk Valley Health System to break ground on \\$480M New York hospital](#)
- [Mount Sinai's ED is a 'war zone,' nurse says](#)
- ['Have you no shame?': Albany Medical Center CEO accuses union of disrupting gala](#)
- [NYC Health + Hospitals launches house call program for primary care](#)
- [Historic Crown Heights hospital reborn as nursing home](#)
- [New York Hospital Completes Allscripts Sunrise EHR Implementation](#)

## RHODE ISLAND

- [Rhode Island Hospitals, Brown to Research Alzheimer's Drug](#)
- [Care New England focused on 'going it alone'](#)

- After failed merger talks, Care New England shifts focus to remaining independent
- BCBS of Rhode Island launches bundled payment program
- Director of RI Dept. of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals Stepping Down

## VERMONT

- State Auditor: OneCare whistleblower allegations are a 'big deal'
- Mt Ascutney names Amy Visser-Lynch chief nursing officer
- Vermont insurer to pay members for improper denials
- Gifford sees antibiotics use cut by half
- Roger Allbee: Meals program a way to lower health care costs
- U of Vermont Medical Center leaders: Affiliations haven't raised prices
- Family doctor seeks out new approach

## MID-ATLANTIC/EAST

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

## DELAWARE

- Sports medicine physician elected president of Medical Society of Delaware
- Some Delaware hospitals are syncing medical records to iPhone app
- ChristianaCare doc uses robot for cutting-edge surgeries
- Enlighten Me: New Medical Society of Delaware president

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Nationwide health trends report outlines challenges in DC region
- DC hospital allegedly fired director of nursing for reporting unlawful billing
- GWU sues corporate hospital partner, leaving fate of Southeast project uncertain
- Money in Medicine: These D.C. doctors received the most payments from drug and device companies in 2018
- GWU sues majority owner of Foggy Bottom hospital

## MARYLAND

- U of Maryland Medicine leverages telehealth for new neurodevelopmental centers
- Maryland Seeks Telehealth Platform to Improve Nursing Home Care
- America's Health Rankings for 2019: How Maryland Rates

## NEW JERSEY

- South Jersey medical device maker raising \$8M through stock offering
- Philips inks \$50M 'long-term strategic partnership' with New Jersey hospital system
- N.J.'s largest health network was hit with major computer disruptions. Officials won't say if it was ransomware.
- New Jersey surgery center owner to pay \$863K in alleged fraud case
- Innovative consortium will provide access to newest clinical trials and medical breakthroughs

- Hackensack Meridian computer disruption delayed patient care, nurses union says

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

- UPMC hospital closing in Sunbury, mirrors national trend of struggling rural facilities
- After two years under UPMC Susquehanna ownership, Sunbury Hospital to close in 2020
- Ellwood City hospital lays off 92 workers
- UPMC Altoona nurses rally for 'safe staffing'
- Penn State Health taps Cletis Earle as CIO
- UPMC to close hospital in 2020
- St. Luke's New Upper Bucks Campus Opens Saturday
- 7 physicians sue Drexel over contract terminations
- Lehigh Valley Health breaks ground on 9th Pennsylvania hospital
- John Sphon named permanent CEO at Excelsior Health
- Jefferson gets \$70M gift from Kimmels for 12-story research building
- Cooper University Health Care buys Camden office building for \$16M
- Lawrence County hospital nearly \$300,000 in debt shut down for now
- Pennsylvania hospital CEO resigns amid financial woes, medical service ban
- Nurse suing Lancaster General Health, claims she was fired for not getting flu shot
- Resigning Ellwood City Medical Center CEO says could no longer represent troubled hospital

## **VIRGINIA**

- Dr. Robert Winn takes helm at VCU's Massey Cancer Center
- Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center: 10 Years of Kept Promises
- Northam proposes \$3.2 million to extend postpartum Medicaid services
- Virginia improves in national health report ranking
- CHS divests Virginia hospitals, deal to sell to Bon Secours Mercy Health

## **WEST VIRGINIA**

- WVU Medicine Reynolds Memorial Hospital opening a Respiratory and Occupational Lung Disease Clinic
- Camden Clark Medical Center receives top ratings
- W.Va. health care deal chugged along for months before sudden termination
- WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital discusses rural sustainability with legislators
- Settlement reached between Raleigh Heart Clinic patients and Cardinal Health
- The Health Plan Renews Partnership With Charleston Area Medical Center

## **CENTRAL**

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

## IOWA

- Marshalltown hospital to move by 2022
- Rural Hospitals Are Closing. Americans Are Losing Access To Health Care
- Iowa City VA staff inappropriately canceled some exams, audit says

## KANSAS

- Kansas mental health hospitals, strained for years, could reach turning point in 2020
- Kansas dermatology clinic buys out another and its five area locations
- Veterans sexually abused by Leavenworth VA doctor receive a \$7 million settlement

## MINNESOTA

- Mayo closes two more facilities, blames rural health care crisis
- 80K Patients Impacted by Minnesota Provider's Ransomware Attack
- Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul will shrink by half
- Mayo Clinic closes hospital, clinics in southwest Minnesota
- Hospital splits this payroll expense 50/50 with local payer to curb ER overuse
- The future depends on digital transformation, says Fairview CIO Sameer Badlani — here is his game plan
- Lifesprk Partners with North Memorial; LHC Group Expands LifePoint Joint Venture
- Rural Hospitals Are Closing. Americans Are Losing Access To Health Care

## MISSOURI

- Pay claims dog operators, staffing outfits
- OT snafus cost \$42K
- Moberly Regional Medical Center announces new CEO
- BJC Accountable Care Organization works with patients to find solutions
- Southwest Missouri town to get new 25-bed hospital
- BJC HealthCare cuts 200 jobs as part of IT support outsourcing
- Learning from mistakes: Take a hard-hat tour of KCU's 'virtual hospital'

## NEBRASKA

- Nebraska Medicine plans billion dollar campus expansion
- Lincoln hospital announced \$57 million expansion
- UNMC, Nebraska Medicine planning new \$1-\$2B building project
- Kim Russel reflects on her time at Bryan as Gronewold prepares to take over as president/CEO

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Survey of North Dakota students reveals troubling mental health trend

- Trinity Health names Taylor Wilson new Chief Financial Officer

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

- SD rural doctor shortage worsened by lack of physician training opportunities
- Sanford Health announces \$1 million contribution to Trojan Field remodel
- Six CEOs and No Operating Room: The Impossible Job of Fixing the Indian Health Service
- Noem asked state agencies to cut costs. But these groups may see more money.
- Rural doctor shortage in SD worsened by lack of physician training opportunities
- 'Health-care college' concept floated for Rapid City university center

## **MIDWEST**

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

### **ILLINOIS**

- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital starts using lifesaving artificial intelligence to detect and treat strokes faster
- OSF HealthCare plans \$237 million cancer center in Peoria
- America's Health Rankings 2019: Where Illinois Ranks
- Illinois hospital warns 1,400 patients of data breach
- State regulators OK \$17-million renovation project at HSHS St. John's

### **INDIANA**

- A work in progress: CRH to continue to prepare former Clarion site for most of 2020
- Aspire Indiana Health Completes Renovation Project
- Lack of internet access limits telemedicine usage in rural Indiana
- IU Health Tipton expanding telemedicine services for mental health, addiction
- IU Health receives grant to expand telehealth services
- IU Health to build surgery center
- Veteran Health Indiana breaks ground on new healthcare facility in Terre Haute

### **KENTUCKY**

- Saint Joseph East Hospital earns high honor for standard of care
- Humana to give \$2 million to Parklands in honor of late co-founder David Jones
- Humana to honor co-founder David Jones Sr. with three community projects
- Bevin administration overturns rejection of Medicaid contract awards
- Humana leaders shedding \$15M in company shares

### **MICHIGAN**

- Mercy, Metro Health new network to integrate cancer care in West Michigan



- [Reed City hospital earns trauma certification](#)
- [Unveiling new report on prescription drug costs, shortages, Sen. Gary Peters calls for more comprehensive approach](#)
- [Henry Ford Health System expanding in Metro Detroit to meet communities' needs](#)
- [Mackinac Straits Hospital recognized with Rural Health Award](#)
- [Munson's Mary Free Bed services expand to Elk Rapids](#)
- [McLaren to acquire Ohio hospital, bolster services with new spine and orthopedic center](#)
- [Trinity Health's CFO named COO as part of 3 changes at executive level](#)
- [Spectrum Health, MSU researchers apply genomic sequencing to rare diseases research](#)
- [Hillsdale Hospital Report to the Community Shows Strong Future Ahead](#)

## OHIO

- [Nationwide Children's receives record-breaking \\$2.3 million donation from golf tournament](#)
- [Trinity Health System opens new outpatient clinic in Bellaire](#)
- [Lorain County hospitals receive cardiac certification](#)
- [Ohio bill to end mandatory nurse OT still needs some tweaking, editorial says](#)
- [St. Luke's Hospital's new shareholder has experienced rapid growth](#)
- [McLaren to acquire Ohio hospital, bolster services with new spine and orthopedic center](#)
- [Ohio may ban mandatory nurse overtime](#)
- [Hospital reveals pediatric health priorities](#)
- [Kettering Health buys former Kroger building in Springfield](#)
- [Ohio bill banning mandatory nurse overtime at hospitals passes House](#)

## WISCONSIN

- [\\$2 Million check gifted to Medical College of Wisconsin](#)
- [Sentry donates \\$2M to Medical College of Wisconsin to expand training in Wausau](#)
- [Health system sets 25% diversity contracting goal for Mount Pleasant project](#)
- [Aurora Health Care hospitals implement 4.5% price increase](#)
- [GE Healthcare's metro Milwaukee-designed tech showcased at high-profile trade show](#)
- [Jefferson, Dodge free clinics merging](#)
- [Monroe Clinic names new president](#)
- [Report: Milwaukee is the highest-paying metro for doctors](#)

## SOUTH/SOUTHEAST

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

## ALABAMA

- [Birmingham Internal Medicine Associates now a Complete Health practice](#)

- [South Alabama hospital celebrates milestone](#)
- [Equity firm acquires Birmingham medical group](#)
- [Who's Who in Birmingham health care? Key names to know in Magic City medicine](#)
- [American Family Care names new CIO](#)

## FLORIDA

- [Here's the team that will build the new \\$550 million Baptist Hospital at Brent Lane](#)
- [FWB Medical Center eyes major expansion/renovation](#)
- [Ocala Regional, West Marion named among top 100 best hospitals for orthopedic surgery](#)
- [Florida physician ordered to pay \\$10K for posting patient info in Yelp review](#)
- [Florida hospital chain agrees to last-minute payment deal with BCBS](#)
- [UHS hospital acquires 35 acres in Florida](#)
- [21st Century Oncology Is Setting Advanced Standards In Cancer Care With New Radiation System](#)
- [UF Health to acquire Leesburg Regional, Villages hospitals](#)
- [Florida health system implements real-time EHR care coordination platform](#)
- [Nemours Children's Hospital's president to be replaced next month](#)
- [AdventHealth pens agreement to acquire mobile mammography company](#)
- [Boca Raton Regional Hospital Receives \\$25M Donation](#)
- [Baptist Health Care moves to design phase of \\$550M replacement hospital](#)
- [Expanded role for nurses in Florida gets House support](#)
- [UF Health to acquire Central Florida Health](#)
- [Baptist Health South Florida taps Lourdes Boue as Miami hospital CEO](#)

## GEORGIA

- [It could be days before crews finish repairing broken water pipe at Grady Memorial](#)
- [Officials: Repairs after pipe burst at Grady Memorial could take 'months'](#)
- [Local hospital takes new measures in fight against opioid abuse](#)
- [WellStar Cobb Hospital Designated Level III Trauma Center](#)
- [America's Health Rankings 2019: How Georgia Ranks](#)
- [Erlanger Health partners with Georgia hospital on telemedicine stroke care](#)
- [How healthy are Georgians? Here's how the state ranks nationally](#)

## MISSISSIPPI

- [NMMC, Family Resource Center team up to connect patients, health](#)
- [3 named to Methodist Rehabilitation Center Board of Directors](#)
- [Baptist DeSoto employs unique physician collaboration to improve cardiac outcomes while reducing costs](#)



- Nurse Practitioners filling the state's gap in health care

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

- Mayo Clinic Care Network gains a foothold in North Carolina
- America's Health Rankings 2019: How North Carolina Ranks
- New CFO joins Frye Regional Medical Center
- Vidant, ECU Brody School of Medicine surgeons perform first robotic kidney transplant in North Carolina
- Mercy Urgent Care announces new location in Waynesville
- High Point home medical equipment business acquired by national company
- OrthoCarolina gets buyer for 10 outpatient buildings, 3 with ASCs
- Lawsuit over 3-year-old patient's death says UNC Children's failed to disclose heart surgery issues
- Wake Forest Baptist Health opens urgent care, children's clinics in Greensboro
- NHRMC's advisory group looks ahead to finishing RFP in coming meetings

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- MUSC children's hospital opening delayed for 2nd time
- South Carolina hospital cuts staff, expects to save \$1.2M
- Roper St. Francis Healthcare launches telemedicine ICU services
- Philips and Regional Medical Center announce USD 16 million, long-term strategic partnership to innovate patient care for residents of rural South Carolina
- Report: MUSC Children's Hospital opening delayed due to "major issues of concerns"

## **TENNESSEE**

- Brentwood hospital company receives second delisting warning from NYSE
- Tennessee hospital remains closed, awaits response from CMS
- HCA fights CNN's subpoena in defamation suit
- Dallas children's hospital relocates 28 patients after mold discovery
- Emergency clinics seen as partial answer to Tennessee rural hospital closings
- Regent Surgical Health partners with Tennessee ASC
- Erlanger Health partners with Georgia hospital on telemedicine stroke care

## **SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST**

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

## **ARKANSAS**

- Arkansas Surgical Hospital Receives 2019 Press Ganey Guardian of Excellence Award® for Patient Experience
- Jonesboro Tower Tops List as Health Care Projects Rise
- With new five-year plan on the horizon, Arkansas Children's ready to implement 'both and' strategy

- LHC Group and LifePoint Health expand partnership with acquisition in Arkansas
- With Uninsured Rates On The Rise In Arkansas, Free Dental Clinics In High Demand
- Groundbreaking technology treats brain aneurysms

## ARIZONA

- Colorado City health clinic ready for first patient ahead of schedule
- Proposed \$6M Settlement Reached in Banner Health Data Breach Lawsuit
- Here's where healthcare construction is booming in Arizona
- Supreme Court rejects Arizona challenge against Sackler family
- Banner Health announces new CEOs at five Arizona hospitals
- Maricopa County helps fund new health campus in Phoenix
- Hacienda HealthCare reports another patient injury

## LOUISIANA

- Massive Expansion Unifies Children's Hospital
- Texas, Louisiana Have Lowest Proportion of Nursing Home Beds with Four, Five Stars
- Baton Rouge hospital encourages staff to press charges after 3 attacks by patients
- Louisiana's mobile health app boosts Medicaid enrollment
- St. Tammany Parish Hospital unveils a new logo and corporate identity
- N.O. Children's Hospital to expand mental health services
- A look inside the progress at Children's Hospital expanded mental health facility

## NEW MEXICO

- Judge dismisses lawsuit against New Mexico health provider
- State of New Mexico settles with behavioral health providers
- UNM reveals plans for new hospital tower, parking garage
- Are New Mexico's hospitals shortchanging community health?

## OKLAHOMA

- SSM Health Medical Group to build new ambulatory care facility in Shawnee
- Telemedicine school program expands to target mental health
- OKC hospital patient arrested after nurse said he flung blood onto her
- Unruly patient arrested after allegedly attacking nurses at local hospital

## TEXAS

- Hospital works to direct ER patients to smaller facility
- Massachusetts Lab to Pay \$26M for Scheme With Texas Doctors

- Methodist Health System names Jim Scoggin new CEO
- Health report: Texas ranks 34th in the nation
- Texas, Louisiana Have Lowest Proportion of Nursing Home Beds with Four, Five Stars
- Joint health clinic opens in Rockdale
- \$113M facility to boost specialty care at Dell Children's Medical Center
- UT System authorizes merger of UT Tyler, UT Health Science Center at Tyler
- As Rural Hospitals Close, Texas Communities Lose Healthcare Access

## **NORTHWEST**

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

### **ALASKA**

- Executives say they lost their jobs at one of Alaska's largest hospitals for reporting improper billing of Medicare, Medicaid
- A new one-story community hospital favored by PMC staff
- PeaceHealth announces interim Ketchikan Medical Center administrator

### **IDAHO**

- Idaho ASC records 100th case in catheterization lab
- Idaho Medicaid expansion set to launch in January
- St. Luke's Meridian now a Level 4 trauma center
- Dr. Roland Kent, Idaho hospital advocate for robotic navigation system for spine surgery

### **MONTANA**

- Montana hospital could lose ambulance service in \$1.8M payment dispute
- Patient sues Montana health system after November data breach, seeks class action
- Mont. county to suspend hospital ambulance service over reimbursement dispute
- Another Provider Hit with Lawsuit Over Patient Data Breach of 140K
- Bozeman Health celebrates near-completion of new care tower

### **OREGON**

- PhRMA sues over Oregon drug pricing laws
- OHSU doctor and patient to testify in support of FDA approval of thyroid treatment
- Salem Health, PacificSource reach deal for patients' Oregon Health Plan benefits
- Woman files \$3M lawsuit against medical providers, claims meningococcal diagnosis was delayed

### **WASHINGTON**

- Northwest Specialty Hospital adopts new robotic technology
- Pullman Regional Hospital gives virtual reality research a shot

- Washington Health Care Providers Join Forces To Prepare For Climate Change

## WYOMING

- Life flight company MARC leaves Laramie
- Studies highlight hospital health care struggles

## WEST

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

### CALIFORNIA

- Efficiency, new seismic standards behind \$2B high-tech California hospital
- California hospital building outpatient diagnostic center
- Panic buttons and security dogs: How California hospitals combat workplace violence
- California hospital sells for \$2M
- Registered nurses, hospital administrators disagree about patient safety, charge nurse value
- Dignity Health to replace South Sacramento hospital
- Buyer of 4 California hospitals misses closing deadline
- Shuttered California hospital to reopen in 2020
- Washington Hospital, UCSF eyeing 90,000 square-foot Warm Springs outpatient center

### COLORADO

- Children's Hospital Colorado pilots new resiliency program in Colorado Springs schools
- Denver hospital 'started off on the right foot'
- Vail Health partners with Children's Hospital for pediatric respiratory training
- Children's Hospital Colorado sets out to weave medical and social supports to improve health
- Peak Gastroenterology acquired by Varsity Healthcare Partners
- Colorado medical center alerts 28,000 patients of data breach
- Mercy anesthesiologists going to work for outside group
- Highlands Ranch hospital steps into future of medicine
- Colorado Mountain Medical to offer daily urgent care in Vail
- Colorado medical center alerts patients of phishing attack

### HAWAII

- Report: Hawaii ranked No. 8 in US for highest physician demand
- Cancer radiation treatment halted after ransomware attack at Hawaii center

### NEVADA

- Sunrise Hospital in Las Vegas opens new trauma, ER department

- UMC plans growth amid urgent care competition

## UTAH

- Intermountain's \$150M Utah hospital to open next fall
- Intermountain Healthcare receives national award for innovation & patient-centered care
- Could 2020 bring full Medicaid expansion to Utah?