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NATIONAL

- Could Patient Privacy Awareness Drive Health IT Innovation in 2020?
- How tech will transform the healthcare workplace by 2050: 3 predictions
- Physicians will keep fighting on these 6 key issues in 2020
- How healthcare will change in 2020
- Health Plans Struggle with HIPAA Compliance, Unprepared for Audit
- AHA files another challenge to CMS site neutral payment policy
- GAO report hits lax oversight of 340B drug program
- Hospital groups sue HHS, seek to block site-neutral pay cuts
- 'Concierge' Medicine Gets More Affordable But Is Still Not Widespread
- Health IT to lead 2020 deals as hospital activity slows, KPMG says
- Hospitals file new lawsuit to halt 2020 site-neutral payment cuts
- HHS Reveals Draft of 5-Year 'Strategic Health IT Plan'
- Pharma execs pitch ideas at #JPM20 to lower drug costs. None of them include dropping their own prices
- New AMA hub connects doctors with early-stage healthcare startups, investors
- Teladoc to buy enterprise telehealth solutions provider InTouch Health in \$600M deal
- Major reformations of the last decade that will shape US healthcare in 2020
- State-by-state breakdown of 120 rural hospital closures

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- o 'I do this with a heavy heart': Bankruptcy judge orders closure of Connecticut nursing home following financial troubles
- Racial disparities persist in Connecticut health care, two groups find
- New health tracker 'illuminated a need' at CT hospitals
- o Bridgeport Manor operator pleads guilty to embezzlement
- New London Hospital gets new CEO

MAINE

- Physician group plans ownership transfer for orthopedic ASC
- o Maine receiving more than \$5 million to help addicted expecting mothers



- o 20 on '20: A view of Maine's health care, from the street level
- N.H. doctor convicted of sexually assaulting a patient surrenders his Maine medical license
- Penobscot Pediatrics recognized by Let's Go! for helping kids make healthy choices

MASSACHUSETTS

- Flu causes 'concerning' ED crowding at Brigham and Women's
- o Framingham's Definitive Healthcare expands its data business by acquiring PatientFinder
- o Definitive Healthcare buys Florida analytics firm
- Partners HealthCare expects to spend \$6.1B in next five years on expansions
- o At major San Francisco conference, it's Mass General Brigham, not Partners
- o Partners' growth in outpatient services drives higher spending
- Health Policy Commission identifies 3 troubling cost trends
- Northampton hospital workers ratify new contract

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- 2 New Hampshire health systems file for merger
- \$130 million Dartmouth-Hitchcock expansion wins OK in Lebanon
- o More psychiatric beds means fewer people waiting in ERs
- o Will you be covered? Patients snared in negotiations
- o Partners to meet with New Hampshire regulators over Exeter acquisition
- New Hampshire college expands nursing program

NEW YORK

- No easy fix for nursing home staff shortage
- NYU Langone Health Adds Three New Practices To Its Growing Ambulatory Care Network
- o University of Rochester, Jones Memorial cancer center in Olean under review
- NY telehealth giant Teladoc grows with \$600M acquisition
- o Upper Allegheny Health System head Tim Finan looks back on tenure
- Valley Health System taps Mount Sinai spinoff to prescribe digital therapeutics
- New healthcare program to offer coverage to uninsured Brooklynites
- New York health system alerts patients of phishing attack
- o Mount Vernon Hospital closure: What to know about opposition, Montefiore money, investments
- Cuomo Announces NY Will Provide Puerto Rico Mental Health Professionals, Help For Power System
- New York safety-net hospital getting consultant to avoid 'fiscal crisis'



New York hospital system seeking state OK to close Irving campus

RHODE ISLAND

- Staffing Shortages at RI Agency For Disabled Could Result in Federal Penalties
- McNamara bill would exempt certain health care products from state taxes

VERMONT

- OneCare to seek nonprofit status in order to receive \$5.7 million from Vermont
- o Program Launches to Assist Rural Residents in Vermont
- UVM Medical Center will reopen Fanny Allen operating rooms
- Vermont children face 'heartbreaking' delays for dental care, pediatric dentist says
- Medical coverage changes at the Pines Rehab and Health

MID-ATLANTIC/EAST

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

DELAWARE

- o ChristianaCare partners with GoHealth on medical aid units
- Beebe Medical Group relocates surgery unit
- o ChristianaCare partners with urgent care chain
- ChristianaCare strives to be the employer of choice for nurses

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Gas line break in Northwest DC forces hospital wing and homes to evacuate
- o Beebe to anchor medical pavillion in Milton
- o DC-area health-focused startups share the spotlight at CES

MARYLAND

- Maryland's new prescription drug board meets for first time
- Mercy Health Services CEO to retire, successor named
- Novavax earns key FDA status for its flu vaccine. Wall Street took it well.
- o Sinai Hospital president to step down, launch telemedicine startup

NEW JERSEY

- o Hackensack University Medical Center First Hospital in New Jersey to Implement C-SATS an AI-Powered Surgical Training Platform
- Lawsuit alleges New Jersey nursing home's negligence led to patient death
- Valley Health System Becomes First Health System in New Jersey to Prescribe Enterprise-wide Digital Therapeutics



- Patient falls from New Jersey hospital's 6th floor window, survives
- RWJBarnabas Health names new senior VP
- Valley Health partners with Rx.Health on prescribing app
- Clara Maass Medical Center names chief nursing officer
- New Jersey court upholds False Claims Act settlement despite defendants' protests

PENNSYLVANIA

- Philadelphia hospital opens outpatient care center
- Upper Allegheny Health System CEO Timothy Finan to retire in July
- o Allegheny Health Network finalizes affiliation pact with Grove City hospital
- o Children's Hospital of Philadelphia considers adding beds to new inpatient hospital in King of Prussia
- o St. Luke's Anderson Campus Opens New Women & Babies Pavilion
- Hidden camera found in employee bathroom at Pennsylvania hospital
- Pa. is paying hospitals to get patients into opioid treatment after overdosing and it's working
- What hospitals can learn from a Philadelphia hospital closure
- o Penn Medicine's new sponsorship with Flyers, Wells Fargo Center goes beyond signage
- AHN acquires Grove City Medical Center
- James Kanuch named CFO of new Allegheny Health Network hospital
- o Proposed False Claims Act could affect providers outside of Medicaid system, group says
- o Main Line Health adopts orphaned Hahnemann urology residency program
- o Welltower, Jefferson Health JV Would Integrate Health System with Senior Housing
- Jefferson pursues sale of some of its health care real estate holdings
- Partnership gives Guthrie heart patients access to Temple transplant surgeons
- UPMC Enterprises commits \$1 billion to life science investments
- Pennsylvania hospital prepared to join WVU Medicine
- 32 things to know about CHS, Tenet, HCA and UHS
- o Allegheny County Medical Society steps up focus on supporting independent doctors

VIRGINIA

- o Federal officials: Sentara set to pay millions for patient privacy breach
- Donor says more nurses could fix healthcare system, gifts UVA nursing \$20M
- Bon Secours Mercy Health completes acquisition

WEST VIRGINIA



- Thomas Health System to file Chapter 11 bankruptcy
- Thomas Health board of directors vote to seek Chapter 11 protection
- Uniontown Hospital announces intent to join WVU Medicine
- West Virginia hospital group eyes bankruptcy, not closing
- o WVU Medicine adding pediatrics in Greene, Uniontown Hospital to system
- WVU Medicine to Take Ownership Of Wetzel County Hospital
- First Thomas Health bankruptcy hearing set for this week
- o Pennsylvania hospital prepared to join WVU Medicine
- o 20 employees furloughed at bankrupt West Virginia hospital

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Nurses authorize union leaders to call strike in Sioux City
- o State settles two cases alleging 'medical negligence' at UIHC for a total of \$7 million
- Iowa Specialty Hospital expands Fort Dodge clinic
- Virus Causing Iowa Hospital to Cancel All January Maternity Tours

KANSAS

- o Prime Healthcare names regional CEO of 4 area hospitals
- o Company closes Boonville hospital with short notice
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MINNESOTA

- Mayo Clinic launches data analytics initiative for drug discovery
- St. Luke's announces executive appointments
- o Clinic closings will worsen Minn. shortage of geriatric specialists
- o Minnesota nonprofit hospitals in tug-of-war with insurers over efforts to rein in costs
- o Schafer: For Mayo and other nonprofits, operating in the black is about survival, not greed
- Record pace of drug approvals prompts cheers from patients, warnings from advocates
- o Minneapolis VA cited after another suicide of veteran
- In rural Minnesota, a scarcity of beds for people in crisis



HealthPartners subsidiary releases ACO results

MISSOURI

- Prime Healthcare names regional CEO of 4 area hospitals
- St. Louis behavioral health services provider names new CEO
- o 'Concierge' Medicine Gets More Affordable But Is Still Not Widespread
- SSM Health and Strive Health partner to transform kidney care
- o Company closes Boonville hospital with short notice
- Outspoken critic of Missouri's response to opioid epidemic fired after speaking out
- Technology + Health Care: How the industry is changing
- o Prime Healthcare fills regional CEO's seat after 7-month vacancy
- o Advanced ICU Care Announces Second Tele-ICU Launch within HSHS Health System

NEBRASKA

- UNMC creates new division for Allergy and Immunology
- Nebraska Medicaid head steps down as state expands coverage
- UNMC sets another record for research funding at just over \$138 million
- Nebraska hospital relocating surgery center as part of \$6M project
- Nebraska Medicaid expansion plan would rein in state costs; critics say it cuts coverage, benefits
- o 'If you don't use it, you lose it': Methodist Hospital unit focuses on keeping older patients active

NORTH DAKOTA

- o Essentia Health names physician as new head of its Fargo area market
- o City of Bismarck honoring doctor who successfully sued major health care provider
- Creating green solutions to Dakota's healthcare challenge

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health expanding efforts to bring genomic insights into primary care
- o Regional Health set to become Monument Health, join Mayo Clinic Care Network
- o Color to Collaborate with Sanford Health, Expand Northshore Partnership
- LifeScape to build new facility at USD Discovery District
- Sanford International generates \$140,000 for local charities
- o South Dakota State Rep Proposes Bill to Criminalize Gender-Transition Surgeries on Children
- Creating green solutions to Dakota's healthcare challenge



MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Illinois eye ASC plans ownership change pursuant to merger
- NorthShore University HealthSystem buys Chicago hospital
- Advocate BroMenn Sold To Carle
- Advocate Bromenn and Eureka Hospital acquired by Carle Health
- UIC proposes \$191M outpatient care center in Chicago
- 8 ER physicians quit Chicago hospital
- Chicago hospitals ready for uptick in marijuana-related ER visits
- Advocate Aurora Health moves to double revenue in 5 years
- How Advocate Health Care is driving better outcomes with a focus on social determinants of health
- Advocate to close 7 Walgreens clinics in suburban Chicago, prompting allegations of unfair labor practices
- Willowbrook Memory Care recognized for improving quality of care

INDIANA

- o Indiana Doctor, Siblings Accused of Medicare Fraud
- Park Center to buy Lafayette Medical Center
- o Tim Tarnowski rejoins IU Health as CIO
- o IU Health develops app to help physicians search patient data
- o IU Health Names Senior VP
- New hospital to expand existing clinic's offerings
- Parkview Health to Invest in New Facilities
- New Trial Ordered in Cook Medical Lawsuit
- Highpoint Health laid off or reduced the hours of 80 workers today

KENTUCKY

- U of L lowers request for state loan on Jewish Hospital acquisition to \$35 million
- o Med Center seeks dismissal of Greenview's ambulance plan
- Mary & Elizabeth Hospital names new chief administrative officer
- o U of L says it needs \$35 million rather than \$50 million from state to prop up struggling health facilities
- U of Louisville lowers state loan request to finance Jewish Hospital
- Court combines hospital chain's 11 bankruptcy cases
- o Andy Beshear picks nursing home exec as watchdog of troubled nursing home industry



- Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital names Brian Springate COO
- Signature Healthcare exec selected as inspector general for Kentucky's nursing home industry
- o Baptist Healthcare buys Jeffersontown building for \$15M here's what it's planning
- Louisville health tech company acquired by Florida firm
- Louisville Metro Government opens 2nd Wellness Center

MICHIGAN

- Memorial Healthcare expands neurological treatment to mid-Michigan
- Inside Michigan's \$17.5M Grant To Fight The Opioid Epidemic
- o Michigan Medicine leader tapped as president of Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital
- o Business manager of shuttered Kalamazoo OB-GYN pleads guilty to health care fraud
- o Spectrum Health Ludington birthing center unveils multi-million dollar expansion
- Head of Alma, Mt. Pleasant health provider assumes Clare duties
- o Beaumont Health Reclaims Pediatric Hospice Program
- Ex-Sioux City plastic surgeon pleads not guilty to federal fraud charges

OHIO

- o OptumRX says Ohio didn't play fair in drug-pricing negotiations
- Ohio's Hospice opens \$10M care center
- Okapi Medical Names CEO
- Nationwide Children's, a gene therapy leader, launches manufacturing spinout
- o Dayton Children's Hospital buys more property near health campus
- How Cleveland Clinic manages its medical waste
- o Welltower, Jefferson Health JV Would Integrate Health System with Senior Housing
- Greater Cincinnati hospital lays off dozens, reduces hours for other workers
- Nursing home calls strain Ohio city's EMS capacity
- o Bon Secours Mercy Health and Lirio Announce Partnership and Investment

WISCONSIN

- o UW Hospital among first centers to perform new kind of heart transplant
- New Prevea Menomonie Health Center to open next week providing urgent care, expanded services
- o Advocate Aurora Health moves to double revenue in 5 years
- Payroll exec allegedly embezzled \$476,000 from home care facility in Glendale
- o Certified nurse-midwives lead collaborative care model as solution to obstetrician shortage



SOUTH/SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Children's of Alabama COO promoted to new role
- Feds recover \$3 billion in fraud cases, including \$48 million from former HealthSouth

FLORIDA

- Florida ranks 28th in health care affordability scorecard
- Florida health systems open \$152M jointly owned hospital
- o Unified Women's Healthcare Acquires Lucina Health
- Orlando VA Medical Center names new top executive
- o Disgruntled patient makes bomb threat to Florida hospital for 2nd time
- Florida hospitals face \$70.4M drop in Medicaid funding
- Orlando Health acquires local orthopedic firm, to build \$250 million downtown hospital
- o Ronald Bierman is Florida hospital's new president
- o Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital hit with another wrongful death lawsuit
- Fishermen's Community Hospital Sets Sights On Winter 2020 Opening
- New "Go-To" Hospital in Sarasota County Coming Soon
- $\circ\;$ New medical office opens in Fort Walton Beach
- o Definitive Healthcare buys Florida analytics firm
- Sebastian River Medical Center Announces New President
- o Tampa General Hospital Names Mark Runyon New Chief Financial Officer
- Orange Park Medical Center reaches another milestone in \$126M expansion

GEORGIA

- o Hamilton Medical Center to add open heart surgery program
- Georgia hospital CEO Dan Jones resigns
- o Developers Tapped to Build New Surgery Center in Atlanta
- o Reduced Capacity At Grady Memorial Hospital Ripples Through Region's Medical System
- Cartersville native appointed Baptist Village president/CEO
- o Georgia launches new healthcare database for consumers
- $\circ\;$ Columbus hospital now run jointly by Emory, LifePoint Health
- State auditors examine Georgia hospitals' expenses on lobbying



- Flood Damaged Atlanta Hospital Under Renovation Through Oct.
- Grady Hospital expects to operate at reduced capacity for much of 2020
- o Georgia family stuck with \$325K medical bill, health plan provider refuses to pay
- Georgia lawmakers hopeful to end surprise medical billing
- o Georgia Senate introduces Health Care Bill
- o Hospital campus selling at auction in North Georgia

MISSISSIPPI

- Sanderson championship donates record \$1.3 million to Children's Hospital
- o Group of Mississippi physicians come out in support of medical marijuana initiative
- o 'No money left.' Coast hospital suffered while owner was paid millions, prosecutor says

NORTH CAROLINA

- Hospital names VP of nursing
- o Ballad expands services to North Carolina
- Halifax Regional becomes Vidant North
- o Atrium hospital billed North Carolina woman 18 months after visit
- North Carolina health system building \$35M medical office building with ASC
- WakeMed Health & Hospitals Selects Health Catalyst to Transform Healthcare Delivery through Centralized Data and Analytics
- o Regional hospitals look back on 2019 growth
- Lawsuit challenging medical regulation encounters setback
- More patients, parking and jobs coming to UNC hospital campus in Hillsborough

SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina hospital escapes suit over physician's lack of adequate insurance
- o Clemson and MUSC Work to Improve Health in Rural Communities
- MUSC rolls out virtual care app for South Carolina state employees
- o Midwives in S.C. rally for equal hospital access for their mothers
- South Carolina health system lays off 327 employees

TENNESSEE

- o Ardent Health withdraws IPO, faces class-action complaint
- o Michigan Medicine leader tapped as president of Vanderbilt University Adult Hospital
- Ballad expands services to North Carolina



- Midstate doctor faces federal charges connected to \$7 million healthcare fraud conspiracy
- Hospital changes are affecting patient drive times
- Surgery Partners promotes COO to top job
- CHS shares spike on 2020 guidance preview
- 32 things to know about CHS, Tenet, HCA and UHS
- o Ballad Health to build new urgent care in Kingsport
- o Two Nashville health care giants team up on virtual reality program
- o Tennessee provider alerts 13,000 patients of data breach

SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Baptist Health, UAMS open new program to expand 120 medical resident slots
- Partnership between Baptist Health and UAMS aims to combat physician shortage
- UAMS study finds raising opioid dosage increases risks, ineffective for pain
- 2 Arkansas men charged in scheme to defraud military insurer
- Hospital bankruptcies leave sick and injured nowhere to go
- o Northwest Health's Cindy Ruffing named HR Professional of the Year

ARIZONA

- o BCBS of Arizona acquires Steward Health Choice Arizona
- o Arizona agency names 44 others tied to alleged exam, billing fraud
- o Hacienda HealthCare will keep Medicaid contract, settlement says
- o Sinema secures \$5.4 million for North Country Healthcare
- Renovated Phoenix VA mental health care units safer, more welcoming
- o Phoenix Children's Hospital expands East Valley footprint with Specialty Clinics building at Mercy Gilbert
- o Phoenix Children's Hospital opens specialty clinic in Gilbert
- Phoenix Children's Is the First-Ever Health System in the U.S to Use Medtronic Stealth Autoguide™ Cranial Robotic Guidance Platform for Neurosurgery

LOUISIANA

- New Orleans psychiatrist sentenced for healthcare fraud
- Baton Rouge General Foundation completes \$10 million fundraising campaign for hospital projects
- o PHOTO TOUR: Our Lady of the Lake Children's Hospital



A new program to help pregnant addicts save their child and themselves

NEW MEXICO

- Ranking system penalizes UNM Hospital unfairly, officials say
- True Health New Mexico appoints new CEO
- o Comagine Health Invites Health Care Organizations and Additional Partners to Reimagine Health Care

OKLAHOMA

- o Oklahoma hospital names Kevin O'Brien CEO
- o Oklahoma Attorney General taking on opioid distributors in new lawsuit
- Angi Mohr tapped as president of Oklahoma hospital
- o State Rep. McEntire addresses surprise medical billing
- Tulsa diabetes advocate: 'People are dying because they can't afford their insulin.'
- o Here's What Happened to \$829M Oklahoma Was Awarded to Treat Opioid Addiction

TEXAS

- o Cynergi Health Partners' VR tool helps patients, community hospitals
- 32 things to know about CHS, Tenet, HCA and UHS
- Frisco health care tech firm Valify sells to hospital giant HCA Healthcare
- o Frisco health care startup acquired by the biggest hospital chain in the country
- HCA buys Texas company with Martin Ventures ties
- Weems to get advice from Texas A&M grant
- LifeCare Returns To Its Roots In Critical Care With New Ownership
- Valley Baptist Health System opens new micro-hospital
- o A 'Pillar of Health in SA' Retires From Methodist Healthcare Ministries After 25 Years
- o Privia Health and Children's Health Announce Strategic Alliance
- o Preparing for Special Pathogens: An IP Perspective
- o Rural areas struggle with health care: Research shows towns falter when a hospital closes
- Tenet on track to meet \$450M cost-cutting goal this year, CEO says

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- o Alaska out-of-hospital births more than 4 times higher than US, report says
- o Nonprofit leaders meet with Gov. Dunleavy and DHSS staff at Mat-Su Health Foundation convening



Noel Rea selected to manage Alaska Psychiatric Institute as interim chief executive

IDAHO

- St. Lukes CEO announces retirement after a decade on the job
- Idaho Falls welcomes new hospital
- HAZMAT team responds to East Idaho hospital to investigate 'unknown white substance'

MONTANA

- o Powell Valley Healthcare Will Be Affiliate Of Billings Clinic
- Conflict over unreleased Medicaid audit could delay state infrastructure projects

OREGON

- Oregon Nurses' Association calls for increased funding
- How Oregon's healthiest hospitals measure up by finances and occupancy
- Salem Health CEO hops in backhoe to kick off hospital expansion
- How Oregon's healthiest hospitals rank by finances and occupancy
- o Oregon governor taps OHA chief of staff as health policy adviser
- Lawmakers Ready Bills On Prescription Drug Prices, Staffing Shortages
- New report details the high cost of regulatory compliance for hospitals
- o Report finds 'regulatory overload' costs Oregon hospitals millions

WASHINGTON

- Providence Health strikes labor deals at 3 Washington hospitals
- Nurses union asks judge to reconsider sudden Yakima hospital closure
- o Carole Peet chosen as the new CEO of Virginia Mason Memorial
- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance names Aaron Crane executive vice president
- Providence St. Joseph Health Announces Same-Day Virtual Visits
- o EvergreenHealth Names Chief Operating Officer
- Swenson Healthcare Joins Forces with Comagine Health
- Washington introduces consumer data privacy legislation
- o Astria Regional's closure leaves Yakima without open heart surgery provider
- Seattle healthcare tech company SCI Solutions acquired for \$190M
- o State questioned Seattle Children's over lack of air filter in OR

WYOMING



- Powell Valley Healthcare Will Be Affiliate Of Billings Clinic
- Wyoming Dept. of Health announces new leadership for behavioral health

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Dignity Health unveils details of \$320M California replacement hospital
- o Bay Area hospital facing closure may have new buyer
- New Neurological Rehab Hospital Opens In Murrieta
- o Adventist laying off 46 employees in California
- California hospital deploys overflow tent after flu cases double
- Dignity Health loses appeal of Medicaid out-of-network billing case
- o At risk of closing, 127-year-old Daly City hospital may have new buyer
- Optum taps Dr. Amar Desai to lead California operations
- Sutter Health to offer patients, staffers individualized transportation options through Lyft
- Sleep apnea company pays \$37.5M to settle kickback lawsuits
- o California hospital CEO's contract not renewed

COLORADO

- Colorado Springs Children's Hospital expanding with new clinics, additional beds
- o Children's Hospital expands to keep up with growing community
- o Children's Hospital Colorado kicks off new program focused on mental health
- o Health bills on the Colorado docket this session
- o 'Get into healthcare because it's recession proof': Advice that pushed Children's Hospital Colorado CIO to enter the industry
- Vail Health says no smoking in the operating room
- o Colorado's new law protecting patients from surprise medical bills is up and running
- Colorado medical center to add \$75M orthopedic hospital, cancer center
- $\circ\,$ SSM Health and Strive Health partner to transform kidney care
- o Estes Park Health CEO Search: Second Candidate
- Parkview Medical Center to add cancer center, orthopedic hospital
- o Ron Fitch named chief administrative officer of UCHealth Pikes Peak Regional Hospital
- o Colorado hospitals sue to block early collection of \$40 million to lower insurance costs
- o Denver releases vision for more comprehensive mental health care



HAWAII

- New ER to Open at North Hawai'i Community Hospital
- Doctor levels critically short
- o Why Hawaii Island doctors are looking for tax relief

NEVADA

- o Demand for nurses growing in Nevada
- New CEO takes the reins at Saint Mary's Health Network
- o Nevada health care workers join NHP troopers, state mental health employees in unionizing

UTAH

- o Utah County hospitals report decrease in opioid prescription use
- o OrthoGrid Systems Partners with the University of Utah Health, Elevating Patient Care
- o A former Utah nurse will go to prison for five years for stealing painkillers and infecting patients