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- [UMass Memorial, Harrington Healthcare Reveal Hospital Merger Plan](#)
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- [Massachusetts Senate Unveils Mental Health ABC Act: Addressing Barriers to Care](#)
- [Hospital's limited transparency makes it 'difficult if not impossible' to estimate out-of-pocket imaging costs](#)
- [Lawrence General Hospital names new president and CEO](#)

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- [Attorney General's Office Won't Oppose Hospital Acquisition](#)
- [EPTAM acquired by Frazier Healthcare Partners](#)
- [Moquin named CEO of New Hampshire Hospital](#)
- [AG signs off on Frisbie hospital merger with for-profit HCA](#)
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- [DHMC invests in Colby-Sawyer health sciences program](#)
- [New App Helping Dartmouth Students 'Unmask' Discussion on Mental Health](#)
- [Manchester's Addiction Crisis Center Announces Plan to Cut Hours](#)

- Hospital health-care scholarship applications are now available

NEW YORK

- Advocate Health Advisors Names Ruben Quintero Regional Manager
- Buffalo nursing home fined for understaffing as lawmakers call for action
- Carol Gomes Named CEO of Stony Brook University Hospital
- Long-term care facilities can't absorb more Medicaid cuts
- Mohawk Valley Health System names new COO
- Mohawk Valley Health System to train more doctors
- New Leadership at Oswego Health
- New York health system closes campus
- ECMC receives a \$10 million boost for new unit
- Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Receives Grant To Expand Services
- Local hospitals face Medicare penalties for rates of patient infections, injuries
- Convener model helps healthcare providers address social determinants of health
- Northwell Health Launches SMART on FHIR App to Monitor Premature Babies' Development
- Graham-Pelton Appoints New Senior Advisor To Augment Thriving Healthcare Practice
- The economic impact of north country hospitals
- New Bill Would Prevent NY Patients From Getting Stuck With Hidden 'Facility Fees'
- MAHONEY: The pulse of upstate is tied to hospital health
- CareMount Health Solutions and Nuvance Health collaborate to expand population health management services in New York
- New York Includes Telehealth in New Puerto Rican Relief Effort
- Several new appointments at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center

RHODE ISLAND

- Rhode Island Hospital recruiting volunteers for Alzheimer's disease research
- Health initiative takes on students mental health in Rhode Island
- Students often struggle after a mental health crisis. Can this support system help?

VERMONT

- Experts say Vermont health care reform efforts on track
- Report outlines integrated vision for Vt. mental health care system
- SVHC named one of Vermont's Best Places to Work for the sixth year
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center prepares gleaned surplus food into meals for feeding the hungry

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Ceremony marks ties with Delaware medical tourism company and South Korean health care providers
- Selection of new CEO/president finalizes Beebe board's nationwide search
- Beebe Healthcare Announces New President & CEO
- After 10-month search, Beebe announces new president and CEO
- Officials Eye Proposal for Nursing Home Expansion

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- As the D.C. area awaits results in possible coronavirus cases, doctors say they are prepared
- Cerner, MedStar Start Learning Health Network for Clinical Research
- MedStar is inaugural member of Cerner Learning Health Network
- Providence hires executive director for D.C. 'healthy village'

MARYLAND

- Western Maryland Health System joins UPMC, becoming UPMC Western Maryland
- Anne Arundel Health System's opioid measurement EHR tool cuts prescriptions by 65%
- Johns Hopkins' \$80M ASC is one of Maryland's largest
- Home healthcare providers abandon \$1.25B deal amid FTC probe
- Baltimore Hospital Offers Therapy On Wheels
- WMHS merges with UPMC network
- Maryland hospital network seeking \$400,000 in restitution from former Baltimore Mayor Pugh, chairman testifies
- Pezor named medical director of UM Shore Behavioral Health
- Mercy Medical Center Receives CMS' 5-Star Overall Hospital Rating

NEW JERSEY

- Murphy names leader for health care accountability office
- Jersey City mayor fights to save Christ Hospital
- Saint Peter's Recognized By New Jersey Hospital Association
- St. Joseph's Among Nine NJ Hospitals Set to Launch Violence Intervention Programs
- Hackensack Meridian Health appoints regional president of Central Market
- New Jersey health system opens orthopedic surgery facility
- Suit: Failed nursing homes' operators stole from employees

- [New Jersey Sending Financial Monitor To Jersey City Hospital](#)
- [RWJBarnabas Health Recognized for Leadership and Community Outreach](#)

PENNSYLVANIA

- [Ellwood City Medical Center loses license](#)
- [Main Line Health planning \\$326M upgrade at Delco hospital](#)
- [UPMC hospital closes ER, ends inpatient services](#)
- [FBI Raids Americore Hospital in Ellwood City](#)
- [Einstein joins national health system collaborative](#)
- [Nurses at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children battle with new owner for paid time off](#)
- [Pennsylvania hospital investigates payroll system data breach](#)
- [Sunbury hospital ER closes](#)
- [Lehigh Valley Health CEO says Steward hospital is at 'end of the road,' but stays mum on deal](#)
- [St. Christopher's Hospital employees say paid time off being stripped away](#)
- [Genesis HealthCare strikes \\$79M deal with consulting firm](#)
- [WMHS merges with UPMC network](#)
- [UPMC Altoona nurses ratify new contracts](#)
- [Erie Shriners will stop surgeries at facility in 2020](#)
- [AHN to name new CFO after longtime exec quietly retires](#)
- [Geisinger Jersey Shore receives \\$250,000 grant to build helipad](#)
- [Bucks County medical device company raises \\$6.3 million](#)
- [Jefferson Health's appointment scheduling chatbot outperforms traditional online forms by 150%](#)
- [Penn State Health St. Joseph Spring Ridge opens after year of renovations](#)
- [Pennsylvania hospital announces closure on Facebook after feds seize records](#)

VIRGINIA

- [All Inova Hospitals Earn Highest CMS Five-Star Quality Rating](#)
- [Virginia Invests \\$8M in Broadband Grants for Telehealth Expansion](#)
- [Here's how Virginia's Inova Health System is preparing for coronavirus](#)
- [Robot-Assisted Joint Replacement Now at Prince William Medical Center](#)
- [Virginia physician convicted of 60 offenses including fraud, obstruction](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

- [CBS 6 investigation uncovers child abuse, neglect allegations at Virginia children's hospital](#)

- With hospital struggles, Justice says he'll announce task force to focus on W.Va. rural medicine

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- UIHC will collaborate with Encompass Health to open rehab hospital in May
- State to pay \$3.5 million to father after death of woman, infant at University of Iowa hospitals
- UnityPoint Health adds new pediatrics clinic in Sioux City
- Iowa Hospital Turning Away Expecting Mothers
- University of Iowa hospitals eyes new complex, emergency room in North Liberty
- MercyOne restores labor and delivery services in West Des Moines

KANSAS

- Ascension's Randy Cason recognized as 'rural hospital CEO to know'
- Manhattan hospital president named to list of rural hospital and health system CEOs to know for second year in a row
- Ascension Via Christi hospital president recognized for second year in a row
- Three Wichita-area hospitals given five-star ratings
- New founding dean at Kansas Health Science Center isn't new to Wichita

MINNESOTA

- 4 hospitals that have joined Mayo Clinic's network
- Allina buys Apple Valley Medical Clinic as independent practices dwindle
- Mayo Clinic Health System receives top honors for patient care
- Union workers at HealthPartners plan strike vote
- Meeker Memorial Hospital and CentraCare sign collaboration agreement
- Hennepin Healthcare names new CEO
- Children's Minnesota awarded \$75,000 grant from UCare to support health equity initiatives
- Ely's hospital one of six chosen for population health project

MISSOURI

- Mo HealthNet to receive \$1 million after settlement
- 5 questions with Prime Healthcare's new regional CEO
- SLU partners on \$1M mental health center for students
- Hospital Association Says Expanding Medicaid Would Keep Rural Missouri Hospitals Open

- Robots being used in epilepsy patients

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska hospital names new CFO
- Officials speak on bringing rescued Americans to Nebraska for quarantine amid coronavirus spread
- Jet with Americans escaping virus zone headed to Nebraska, CDC says
- Bill aims to fund mental health courts in Nebraska

NORTH DAKOTA

- CEO, CFO both out in Altru Health System leadership shakeup
- Sanford Health Offers Hospice Care At Broadway Medical Center
- Sanford Health launches state's first hospital-based hospice service
- Around the Office and on the Road in North Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Small fire at USD Medical Center reshuffles patients
- Smoke causes some evacuations at Sanford USD Medical Center
- 4 hospitals that have joined Mayo Clinic's network
- Lawmaker wants to prohibit student vaccination requirements
- Robotic surgery hits its stride

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Touchette Regional Hospital and Memorial Hospital Belleville Coordinate Transition of Labor and Delivery Services
- Aperion Care nursing homes fined \$366K+ for violations in 2019
- Cook County Health pauses plan to build new Chicago hospital
- Health disparities among Chicago hospitals' most pressing public health concerns
- Effingham Health System wins awards for safety, quality
- \$240M Provident Hospital Project Put on Hold
- Plan to build new \$240 million Provident Hospital put on hold after ouster of Cook County Health CEO
- Feds raise scores for Chicago's top hospitals under controversial rating system
- Little Company of Mary Hospital joins OSF HealthCare system
- Illinois ASC installs new equipment

INDIANA

- MDWise Names New CEO
- NorthShore Health Centers founder and CEO to retire
- Innovative construction enhances NWI patient care
- Big rate increase for home nursing care may have little impact on Indiana's home nursing crisis
- Parkview Seeks Innovation to Solve Infant Mortality
- Good Samaritan Chosen for Clinical Study
- Study: Strategic Plan Needed to Lower Healthcare Costs

KENTUCKY

- Trilogy Health Services commits \$10 million to high school training program
- Kentucky only state where physician assistants cannot write prescriptions; bill to change that advances
- Bill to let physician assistants prescribe passes first hurdle
- CRMC: Hospital's future is bright
- Baptist Health will expand its rehab hospital footprint with \$43M facility in J-town
- Hosparus Health names new development executive
- Baptist Health Lexington plans to offer surgeries in Hamburg
- Baptist Healthcare, partner announce plan for \$43M rehab hospital
- UofL launches online master's degree for health care executives
- Pain management practice seeks approval for \$1.45M surgery center in Kentucky
- Norton partners with Louisville company on sharing opioid data
- How this Kentucky hospital cut C. diff rates 59%
- Here's how Louisville hospitals rate
- Baptist Health launches own ambulance service
- Loan to help U of L with Jewish Hospital acquisition passes legislature
- Kentucky lawmakers advance Medicaid-related bills
- Smith retires from MCCH after 48 years of service
- Kentucky Hospital Association asks to join lawsuit defending certificate of need law
- Center Aims to Build a Culture of Health in Kentucky and Beyond
- Partnerships help St. Elizabeth Healthcare expand footprint in NKY

MICHIGAN

- Beaumont Health accused of anti-union tactics with nurses

- Beaumont Farmington Hills restructures operations, affecting 67 employees
- Michigan hospital expanding surgery center in \$19M project
- CMU's new health professions building provides students with extensive training
- Henry Ford Medical Group Names New Chair of Board of Governors
- Michigan nurses accuse Beaumont Royal Oak of anti-union activity
- ProMedica puts Michigan hospital on the market
- Nurses asking for help with safety
- Bill would give nursing home residents right to have electronic monitoring devices
- Metro Detroit physicians found guilty of defrauding Medicare, prescribing unnecessary opioids
- Telemedicine assists local healthcare facility
- Neurologist found guilty in \$150M fraud scheme alongside 3 other physicians

OHIO

- Local hospital executive retires after 20-year tenure
- Genesis to Partner with Nationwide Children's Hospital to Enhance Local Care
- Mold found in patient's hospital room at Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital
- Genacross Lutheran Services to become part of Benedictine Health System
- Sozo Pediatrics CEO Amy Provenzano took a risk to start her new business in Lancaster
- New hospice center unveiled at Alliance hospital
- Christ Hospital taps executive from rival system to oversee medical staff
- Neurologist found guilty in \$150M fraud scheme alongside 3 other physicians

WISCONSIN

- Mayo Clinic's Wisconsin projects moving at glacial pace
- Mayo in La Crosse earns top rating from federal agency
- Ascension to sell central Wisconsin hospital, divest of other investments
- Froedtert and the Medical College of Wisconsin will add two new hospitals later this year
- Froedtert & Medical College plans two more micro-hospital sites
- Wisconsin hospital moves surgery center
- Wisconsin network opening \$40M facility with orthopedic & spine center, expanded services
- Ascension Wisconsin enters joint venture to develop freestanding imaging centers
- St Croix County Health Center cleared to accept Medicaid reimbursement
- Ascension, radiologists form joint venture to open series of freestanding imaging centers

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Baby separated from mother, after a false positive shines light on Alabama hospital drug testing policies
- 11 Alabama hospitals with top nurse-patient communication scores
- New CFO named at Brookwood Baptist Health System
- UAB Health System, TransformativeMed Partners to Streamline Clinical Workflows
- East Alabama Medical Center to offer genomic testing for employees
- Brookwood Baptist Health names Ken Hendren CFO
- Second lawsuit filed over DCH ransomware attack

FLORIDA

- Chapters Health System Names New Vice President of Information Systems and Technology
- Health First's Cape Canaveral and Viera Hospitals Receive 5-Star Overall Ratings from CMS
- Tampa General Hospital Partners with Agathos to Provide Innovative Performance Measurement Tool
- Rick Scott destroyed evidence that would have cleared workers in nursing home deaths, lawyers say
- Here's what's coming next for this \$35 million AdventHealth facility in Clermont
- HCA's West Florida Division gets new chief nurse executive
- Florida hospital names Paige Laughlin COO
- Surgeon sues health system claiming forced in-network radiology referrals
- Florida physician sentenced for role in \$40M billing scam
- Are SWFL Patients Checking Hospital Ratings Before Seeking Care?
- Innovative Cancer Treatments At North Florida Regional Medical Center
- Florida health system accused of forging letter to defame competitor's board members

GEORGIA

- 40-physician OrthoAtlanta partners with Piedmont Healthcare on new venture
- Home healthcare providers abandon \$1.25B deal amid FTC probe
- Bill chips away at surprise medical billing in Georgia
- Piedmont Henry Hospital names new CEO
- Floyd Medical Center recognized for heart care
- Georgia psychiatric hospital closes, lays off 167 workers
- Piedmont Atlanta Hospital Walgreens Plans Expansion, Upgrades
- Latest Medicare Penalties On Patient Harm Hit 26 Georgia Hospitals

- Atlanta Center for Medical Research Welcomes New Leadership

MISSISSIPPI

- New CEO at hospital
- U of Mississippi partners with state for pediatric telehealth program

NORTH CAROLINA

- Ocracoke Health Center back up and running
- SRMC celebrates readmissions drop
- Atrium Health breaks ground on 8-story medical tower in North Carolina
- Lexington hospital the latest in trend of closing labor and delivery services
- HCA Healthcare facing physician staffing concerns at North Carolina facility
- Mercy Urgent Care to open Feb. 4 in Waynesville
- UNC and Duke partner in pilot program for new Medicaid model
- A Triad Doctor's Fight To Keep Prices Affordable
- Atrium Health signs naming deal for new Kannapolis ballpark
- Wake Forest Baptist Health Partners With Verily to Improve Health, Independence of Older Adults
- ONE Charlotte Health Alliance announces charter board members
- Triad health systems continue to work toward takeover
- Training for 'The Amazing Race,' staff at Cone Women's Hospital prepare for their big move into a new facility
- Watauga Medical Center Named Among Nation's Top 10 Percent for Coronary Intervention
- Ashe Memorial Hospital announces new CEO
- Health care system focusing on heart health
- Duke Health Launches Brand Campaign to Show Patients 'You're Why'

SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina hospital sued over debt collection practices
- South Carolina hospital considers billing overhaul after operating loss
- Lexington Medical Center sued over medical debt collection
- MUSC's Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital is set for final construction inspections on Wednesday

TENNESSEE

- Brentwood health care company sold to Atlanta firm
- Nashville General looks to expand outpatient network

- Tennessee Nurses Association pushing law makers to pass new legislation
- HCA has acquisitions in the pipeline, plans to expand nursing school
- Nashville health-tech company names new CEO
- Three years after merger, McKesson to part ways with Change Healthcare
- Tennessee hospital lab manager quits, says hospital regularly ran out of critical supplies

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas BCBS grants \$800K to rural hospitals for participation in medical records exchange
- Managed-care change stands to hit Arkansas hospitals
- HealthTech Arkansas seeks "disruptive technologies" in software, devices, diagnostics
- Arkansas hospitals file opioid lawsuit
- Arkansas hospitals file suit against opioid manufacturers, distributors
- Website Tracks Financial Health of Hospitals
- HealthTech Arkansas opens applications for 2nd healthcare accelerator program

ARIZONA

- Arizona health program moves to bolster ranks of caregivers
- New hospital facility has ribbon cutting
- North Country HealthCare helping solve physician shortage
- Dallas company plans third 'micro' hospital in metro Phoenix
- Here's how Abrazo Arizona Heart Hospital has distinguished itself

LOUISIANA

- Analysis: Louisiana health department targeting disparities
- 4 hospitals that have joined Mayo Clinic's network
- Gov. John Bel Edwards announces interim secretary of Louisiana Department of Health
- New benefit offers free online healthcare to eligible Medicaid members in Louisiana
- New Orleans industry spotlight: Health care hiring going strong
- Repurposed ambulance hits Baton Rouge streets to help combat opioid crisis

NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico looks beyond US borders for savings on medicine

- State compiles detailed view of economic and health indicators
- Study to determine how often health care workers experience workplace violence
- Senate committee passes bill to contract study on traumatic brain injuries
- UNM football players lobby for mental health funding
- Bill to fund mental health programs for university athletes advances

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma governor rolls out new healthcare plan
- Oklahoma U Medicine to implement \$200M Epic EHR: 4 notes
- Revamping Oklahoma's health care system
- How would state pay for Medicaid expansion?

TEXAS

- 30,000 medical records damaged in malware attack at Texas provider
- How Social Media Helped an Accountable Care Organization Save \$50M
- AdventHealth to Transfer Ownership of Texas Hospital to Christus Health
- Baylor's health plan worked for employees, and American Airlines and others want in on the action
- Partnership Helps Methodist Healthcare Ministries Serve Low-Income Communities
- Officials to seek approval from UT System Board of Regents to build medical school in Tyler
- Memorial Hermann Health System Appoints Angela A. Shippy, M.D., FACP, FHM to Senior Vice President, Chief Medical & Quality Officer
- South Texas Health System Announces Purchase Agreement For CTMC

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Nearly one year without a firm contract, Kodiak medical workers' union votes to authorize a strike
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center Honors Outstanding Employees of 2019
- Clock is ticking for Alaska legislators to fund Medicaid, state officials say

IDAHO

- Bingham Healthcare appoints new CFO
- Jeff Fox joins St. Luke's Health System Board of Directors
- St. Luke's Dr. Pate opens up on Medicaid expansion, rising health care costs, retirement
- EIRMC first in Idaho to use new skin grafting method

- Mountain West Hospitals Among Those Penalized Over High Complication Rates
- St. Luke's Health System names new CEO
- Coeur d'Alene Tribe leads the way in rural healthcare with innovative center
- PacificSource Foundation For Health Improvement Commits \$605k To Nine Regional Nonprofits
- Getting healthcare in rural Idaho areas could become easier
- Bill to help with rural Idaho healthcare heads to Senate
- State Hospital West set to open in Nampa in 2021
- Bingham Healthcare is celebrating 70 years

MONTANA

- Central Montana Medical Care transitions to a new Electronic Health Record
- Community Hospital of Anaconda keeps expanding as regional healthcare center
- Montana to invest \$80M in community mental health services
- PacificSource Foundation For Health Improvement Commits \$605k To Nine Regional Nonprofits

OREGON

- FOX 12 Investigators take a closer look at issue of workplace violence in Oregon hospitals
- Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. Announces New Interim CEO
- PacificSource Foundation For Health Improvement Commits \$605k To Nine Regional Nonprofits
- Coordinated care organization discloses data breach affecting more than 600,000 people
- PeaceHealth Announces More Layoffs In Oregon

WASHINGTON

- Opinion: His View: Health care crisis isn't just at Swedish
- Swedish Medical Center workers end 3-day strike; some workers turned away while temporary replacements finish 5-day contracts
- Seattle hospital proposing \$1.7B in upgrades
- Genesis transitions operations of 19 facilities to New Generation Health for \$79M
- Not all Swedish Medical Center workers can return to work Friday when strike is over
- Planning group recommends \$1.7 billion in upgrades for King County-owned Harborview Medical Center
- Washington hospital websites lack functionality for non-English speaking patients

WYOMING

- Palliative care interest on the rise in Wyoming
- Mountain West Hospitals Among Those Penalized Over High Complication Rates

- Legislation proposes study of prescription drug imports into Wyoming from Canada

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Peterson takes the helm at Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital
- Molina Healthcare opens social determinants-focused innovation center
- Roseville's Adventist Health signs outsourcing deals that will cut nearly 650 jobs
- Wilde to chair California Hospital Association board
- Genesis transitions operations of 19 facilities to New Generation Health for \$79M
- New union contract calms tensions over UC Davis Rehabilitation Hospital project
- Mercy Medical Center expected to keep taking Medi-Cal after agreement with Partnership HealthPlan
- California health bills we're watching this session
- One-year after \$235M hospitals purchase, California county CIO departs for position at Dell
- Laguna Treatment Hospital COO Marlon Rollins Promoted to CEO
- Stanford Children's Health Welcomes Two New Executive Leaders in 2020
- With backing from big-name investors, S.F. health data company lands \$100 million, gets acquisitive
- California hospital district votes to dissolve
- Community Memorial CEO to chair California Hospital Association
- California hospital workers exposed to coronavirus, told to stay home: officials

COLORADO

- Denver Health to provide housing for patients
- Southern Colorado urgent care centers sold to occupational medicine giant
- HSS Names Kirsten Benefiel Chief Executive Officer
- Bill would expand help for older adults in rural Colorado
- Colorado Hospital Association withdraws lawsuit over \$40 million reinsurance payment
- CO Healthcare Costs Keep Climbing Due to Hospital Cost-Shifting
- 3 finalists named for hospital CEO
- Colorado Hospital Association withdraws lawsuit, for now
- Community Hospital sees savings through refinance
- A Denver businessman wants to fix America's health care system — by doing your knee replacement in Mexico
- Mountain West Hospitals Among Those Penalized Over High Complication Rates

- Southern Colorado urgent care centers sold to occupational medicine giant
- Colorado provider notifies patients of break-in
- Colorado health legislation moving forward this session
- Former GE exec finds way to cut healthcare costs — and US hospitals are out of the equation
- Children's Hospital Colorado launches remote virtual second opinions
- Penrose-St. Francis gets top federal hospital ranking
- Colorado lawmakers want to crack down on health care ministries

HAWAII

- Hawaii lawmakers announce plans to expand mental health treatment, tighten gun laws
- Vaping, mental health, and prescription drug costs on the Hawaii Legislature's agenda for 2020

NEVADA

- Mountain West Hospitals Among Those Penalized Over High Complication Rates
- New CEO starts at Desert Springs Hospital in Las Vegas
- Nevada continues to struggle with physician shortage
- Genesis transitions operations of 19 facilities to New Generation Health for \$79M

UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare is Building the Nation's Model Health System for Children
- New staffing model prompts 18% EHR time reduction for Intermountain physicians
- Intermountain Healthcare celebrates milestone of 3,000 kidney transplants
- How Intermountain added more time with patients, less in EHR
- Mountain West Hospitals Among Those Penalized Over High Complication Rates
- Intermountain extends telehealth services to cancer patients at Utah hospital
- Real problems are the ones that can't be solved with money, Intermountain CFO says
- A proposed clinic south of Moab meets resistance from nearby health care providers