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NATIONAL

- Surviving in limbo: 3 takeaways from physician execs on the transition to value-based care
- Bipartisan bill looks to change physician anti-kickback law
- CMS holds value-based purchasing adjustment steady for 2018
- Healthcare reacts to 2018 final rule for MACRA's Quality Payment Program
- CVS to offer nationwide next-day delivery in preemptive shot at Amazon
- Study: 4 factors of the $933.5B US healthcare spending boom
- Trump administration will support work requirements for Medicaid
- CMS plan to slash 340B payments under fire by hospitals
- 43 states receive ‘F’ for healthcare price transparency: Altarum
- Revised House tax bill leaves individual mandate untouched
- Healthcare salaries continue to grow: 5 averages by occupation
- Joint Commission recognizes 15 hospitals, health systems for contributions to quality data reporting
- Seema Verma's vision to ‘turn the page’ in Medicaid: 3 things to know
- Joint Commission releases 2017 quality, safety report: 3 takeaways

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Danbury and New Milford hospitals reach agreement with union
- CT-backed med-tech investor faces fraud allegations
- New Database Reveals Patient Death, Violations in CT Hospitals
- HHC’s Bone & Joint Institute partners with Bloomfield health analytics firm
- Hartford HealthCare-GoHealth Urgent Care opens in Southington

MAINE

- Hospitals at center stage of Medicaid expansion debate
- Maine becomes first state to approve Medicaid expansion by popular vote
- After Maine Voters Approve Medicaid Expansion, Governor Raises Objections

MASSACHUSETTS

- Insurer CEOs seek price caps for top Massachusetts hospitals: 5 things to know
Mass. Senate bill aims to rein in health costs, study single-payer

Haemonetics announces plans to cut 350 jobs

CVS plans to launch same-day delivery in Boston

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Elliot, Southern NH eye regional system

NEW YORK

New 8-office pediatric ‘supergroup’ looks to build on WNY health care

New day dawns for SJMH

Why a New York women and children’s hospital is dropping ‘women’ from its name

Bassett CEO: Quitting post was part of restructuring

Hornell breaks ground on St. James Mercy Hospital

Staten Island doctor gets prison in N.J. lab bribe scheme

Saratoga Hospital Plans for Spring Project at ROC

Athenex expects to break ground on large pharma factory in Dunkirk in the first quarter of 2018

Brooks Memorial to close dialysis unit, transition patients to new DaVita clinic

Northwell Health’s new CFO talks financial goals, challenges

RHODE ISLAND

Memorial Hospital seeks RI health dept. approval to close emergency department

VERMONT

Regulators hear arguments for new medical records system

Regulators ensure OneCare Vermont avoids antitrust problems

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia)

DELWARE

Update: Hospitals weigh in on Delaware’s low ranking in Leapfrog safety survey

Sinnott named CEO of Saint Francis Hospital

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Report: D.C. area hospitals are failing the public

D.C. lawmakers cut short contract for operator of District’s only public hospital

Former Providence Hospital executive gets jail sentence for stealing $390K from medical association

United Medical Center to cut ties with hospital operator Veritas

D.C. lawmakers, health officials weigh path forward at UMC with new operator
MARYLAND
- UMMC breaks ground on $116M hospital for chronic illness
- Maryland hospital quotes Shakespeare in defense of physician who used fake identity
- A new urgent care facility is opening at the Rotunda

NEW JERSEY
- Lourdes Health System's loss widened in fiscal 2017
- St. Peter’s hospital to cut staff

PENNSYLVANIA
- Tower Health paid $418 million for five community hospitals in S.E. Pennsylvania
- Report: Regional rehab, long-term and psych facilities running low margins
- UPMC will invest $2B to build 3 specialty hospitals
- Chester County Hospital moves to dismiss EMTALA claims
- Pa. delays major long-term care shift in Philadelphia area
- Genesis Healthcare takes $532 million write-down, warns of possible bankruptcy
- Lourdes Health System's loss widened in fiscal 2017
- Jeanes Hospital Nurses Approve Three-year Deal
- MedRespond expanding to Cleveland

VIRGINIA
- Appalachian health systems get states OK on merger plan
- Bowling Green medical practice joins Mary Washington Healthcare
- MSHA, Wellmont health systems outline transition to merger

WEST VIRGINIA
- West Virginia cities sue Joint Commission over pain management recommendations
- West Virginia municipalities file suit against Joint Commission for its part in opioid crisis

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

IOWA
- Iowa hospitals’ community benefit tops $855 million in 2016
- Broadlawns opens new 14-unit inpatient mental health unit

KANSAS
- Kansas Health, Ardent Finalize Purchase of St. Francis Health
- Sridevi Donepudi, M.D., MMM, FAAFP, Joins Stormont Vail Health as Chief Medical Quality Officer
Health care tops state's highest-paying occupations

New name, additional provider for local clinic

MINNESOTA

Mayo Clinic names new CFO

Minnesota hospital won't take patients committed by a court

Nurses' union hits Duluth health care system over requiring flu shots

Mayo Clinic starts to roll out second phase of Epic implementation

Glencoe Regional Health Services CEO to retire next year: 4 points

MISSOURI

SSM Health adds first female orthopedic surgeon

St. Elizabeth's Hospital Makes the Move to O'Fallon

Saint Luke's combines philanthropy, strategy with new exec

Tiger Institute joins Sequoia Project, linking EHRs with SSM Health

SSM Health trims workforce by 1 percent

Micro-Hospital Proposed for Vacant Lot in Downtown West St. Louis

Missouri is the only state with no prescription monitoring program. What's the holdup?

Washington University receives $10 million gift for personalized medicine research

How one Missouri hospital treats patients with 0 beds

NEBRASKA

Children's Hospital buys adjoining land in Omaha

State Sen. Morfeld plans to introduce ballot measure that would let Nebraska voters decide on Medicaid expansion

NORTH DAKOTA

Trinity Health secures final financing for new hospital in Minot

Altru Health System announces $250M expansion

SOUTH DAKOTA

Reservation hospital again on 'immediate jeopardy' status

President of Spearfish Hospital dies

Sanford Health invests in German hospital

South Dakota hospital to lose Medicare contract: 4 things to know

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS
Joint venture expands urgent care operations for OSF HealthCare in Rockford area

Drug Advertisers Suspend Deals With Outcome Health

Outcome Health losing major advertisers following allegations of misleading clients

Chicago hospital sues Leapfrog for defamation

Loretto Hospital CEO is out after five years

Investors sue Outcome Health, alleging investment fraud

Outcome Health investors receive DOJ subpoenas as Chicago-area hospitals back away

Oak Street Health CEO Mike Pykosz: Redesigning healthcare is 'harder than rocket science'

INDIANA

Holcomb: Repeal medical device excise tax

McLaren Health Care to acquire Indiana insurer MDwise

Winenger Named New COO For IU Health Southern Indiana Physicians

Lutheran Health suing ex-CEO for defamation scheme

Health care labor shortages continue to grow in state, Region

Lot of cheers for Lutheran CEO pick

Anthem becomes second-largest company with woman as CEO

More than 2,300 Lilly workers volunteer for buyouts

IU Health continues perfecting integrated service center

Franciscan Health Acquires Vacant Hospital

Matthew Burden named new president/CEO of Porter-Starke Services

Is it an emergency? Anthem makes patients question ER visits

Trump expected to name ex-Lilly exec to lead Health & Human Services

Cook Medical wins first trial over blood-clot filters

KENTUCKY

Why Kindred Healthcare will spend $10K on RN signing bonuses

Kentucky health system to shut down insurance arm, lay off 34 employees

KentuckyOne Health names new CEO

Local hospitals working to retain and recruit nurses

Kindred Healthcare Reports Third Quarter 2017 Results

Murray-Calloway County Hospital Names New COO

2 Kentucky hospitals sign acquisition agreement

Baptist Health begins process of acquiring Hardin Memorial Health
Kindred Healthcare stock surges on better-than-expected earnings
Feds Will Allow Medicaid Work Requirements. Here’s What It Means For Kentucky
Humana cutting 2,700 jobs amid uncertainty in health care
Apellis Pharmaceuticals prices $150 million IPO
ResCare taps former Kindred exec as its new CFO
Humana to sell long-term care insurance business
Kindred stocks up 40% as net loss shrinks to $95.8M

MICHIGAN
Huron Valley-Sinai nurses sue hospital executives amid concerns of patient safety
McLaren Health Care to acquire Indiana insurer MDwise
Michigan nurses union sues Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital over alleged staffing, patient safety issues
Why CMS should get in on payer, hospital quality partnerships to cut costs
Another doctor accused in $130-million-plus Medicare fraud scheme
Michigan’s Kettering University suing Kettering Health University
Michigan nurses, nonprofit team up to clear $1 million medical debt for 500 families

OHIO
Southwest General Health Center CEO shares hospital stats, future healthcare outlook
MetroHealth, Clinic score in ACO payouts
Cardinal Health Reports First-quarter Results for Fiscal Year 2018
More cancer care is coming to Greater Cincinnati. Here’s how and why.
New Edwin Shaw rehab hospital opens Tuesday in Bath
After a divisive and expensive campaign, Issue 2 fails at the polls
Ohio rejects drug price issue after costly fight
Michigan’s Kettering University suing Kettering Health University
Doctor launches cash-based practice to serve patients in central Ohio
Cardinal Health departing CEO George Barrett: ‘I feel very good about the work that I’ve done here’
Select Medical, Cleveland Clinic Edwin Shaw rehabilitation hospital opens doors to patients
Circleville voters clear path for Berger Hospital to work with OhioHealth
MedRespond expanding to Cleveland
CareSource, Cleveland Clinic ink deal
Dayton's largest hospital network to sell insurance business
Cardinal Health shareholders grill CEO George Barrett on opioids
Circleville voters grant Berger Hospital freedom to start talks with OhioHealth

Les Wexner continues as chairman of OSU Wexner Medical Center board

Cleveland Clinic consolidating care in new $20-million children's center

DOJ abandons false claims case against nursing home chain

WISCONSIN

Inside Wisconsin: Measuring quality: Why health care can attract business, workers

UW Health and former employee sued over unauthorized medical record access

Opening of Froedtert health clinic is latest piece of the Milwaukee Bucks development complex

Report: Wisconsin has lost $11M for repealing False Claims Act

Report: Milwaukee has most expensive hospitals among U.S. metros

Froedtert & the Medical College preview downtown Milwaukee clinic: Slideshow

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

ALABAMA

Quorum sells 72-bed Alabama hospital

St. Vincent's opens new in-house center

Aurora Diagnostics acquires surgery center in Alabama

FLORIDA

Health care giant plans 75-bed facility

Nemours, Orlando Health aiming for pediatric heart transplant programs

New UF hospitals focus on advanced medicine

NEW: Jupiter Medical Center’s new CEO is Long Island native

Adventist Health System appoints new administrators at 2 Florida hospitals: 5 notes

Halifax Health moves forward with $105 million Deltona hospital

Aurora Diagnostics acquires surgery center in Alabama

Public health care company to layoff 182, close two South Florida offices

Exclusive: See which Florida doctors received the most in non-research payments from drug and device companies

New Port Richey pharmacy owner pleads guilty in massive fraud scheme

GEORGIA

Court declares Northside Hospital’s operations can’t be kept secret

Navicent Health Baldwin taps Darren Pearce as CEO: 3 notes

McKenna to step down at St. Mary’s CEO, accepts job in Florida
Memorial Health selects Shayne George as CEO: 5 things to know
Grady Memorial Hospital files $3.6 million renovation plans

MISSISSIPPI
Mississippi hospital's new policy aims to reduce nonurgent ER visits
Rural hospital in north Mississippi sold to new owner
Baptist Memorial to hold ribbon cutting for new hospital on Wednesday
6 things to know about the vote to sell Oktibbeha County hospital
Voters Reject Selling Hospital Owned by Oktibbeha County

NORTH CAROLINA
Bank files objection to sale of bankrupt hospital's assets
Rock Hill's Piedmont Medical Center has a new CEO
Some argue that selling Morehead Memorial to the highest bidder may not be best
CIO Of Rent-A-Center To Join Novant Health As Chief Digital Officer
Morehead Hospital bankruptcy hearing delayed
Morehead Hospital bankruptcy hearing to continue Monday
N.C. attorney general files objection to Morehead Memorial sale
Will these state hires ease North Carolina's hospital ER bottleneck?
Mission identifies potential site for Angel Medical Center replacement
Whistleblower lawsuit claims Epic caused hundreds of hospitals to double-bill anesthesia services
Hospital CEO search narrows candidates
Novant Health expands reach with air transport
Mission tightlipped about negotiations with BCBS
WakeMed seeking approval for $60M expansion in Cary
Harris opens new emergency department
New Franklin hospital could move out to U.S. 441
Vidant Edgecombe Hospital breaks ground for new cancer center
Your Health: Construction of new cancer center underway at CarolinaEast Medical Center
UNC settles anti-trust lawsuit, Duke suit pending

SOUTH CAROLINA
New hospital CEO hired; RMC board picks Texas executive
South Carolina hospital lays off nearly 100 employees
3 Lowcountry hospitals earn top safety grade
Regional Medical Center taps former Tenet VP to serve as CEO: 5 points

TENNESSEE
- Quorum sells 72-bed Alabama hospital
- Lutheran Health suing ex-CEO for defamation scheme
- Appalachian health systems get states OK on merger plan
- ER doctor-owned urgent care clinic to open in West Nashville
- Healthcare Industry Veteran Tapped as Corizon Health CEO
- CHS to sell additional hospitals worth $2B in revenue
- Quorum Health sees net loss widen to $29.2M, plans to sell more hospitals

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST
(Arkansas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

ARKANSAS
- State Still Awaiting Federal Approval on Medicaid Expansion Changes
- Sparks Health System, UnitedHealthcare Renew Network Relationship

ARIZONA
- Tucson woman wins $12 million jury verdict against Banner-UMC in malpractice case
- FastMed Urgent Care Appoints New CEO

LOUISIANA
- More proposals for Charity Hospital expected next week
- Lafayette General Southwest becoming orthopedic, long-term care facility
- Safety-net hospital deals done, except in north Louisiana
- New Orleans Children’s Hospital on track for $300M expansion, with new CEO at the helm
- Judges hear dispute over Louisiana charity hospital closure
- Attorney general, business leaders weigh in on N. La. hospital wars
- Work begins on $20M Ochsner cancer center expansion
- Baton Rouge occupational medicine provider expanding internationally

NEW MEXICO
- New Mexico hospital stops requiring uninsured to pay 50% up front for surgery
- Walgreens, DaVita drop Molina Healthcare

OKLAHOMA
- AG asks for investigative audit of Oklahoma Health Department
- Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City receives “A” grade for keeping patients safe
Oklahoma health department requests emergency $30 million from state legislature

Federal judge dismisses Tulsa man's kickback lawsuit against EMSA

Oklahoma Health Department salary payouts increased despite budget decline

**TEXAS**

- Lunch With D CEO: Dr. John Carlo
- Restructuring Tenet Healthcare Names 10 Group CEOs
- Tenet Healthcare reports a quarterly loss that’s 45 times higher than last year
- North Texas developer to build new $25M medical center in Garland
- Southwestern Medical Foundation leaders reflect on 75 years in Dallas
- Tenet's net loss balloons to $367M as investor agitation builds
- New hospital CEO hired; RMC board picks Texas executive
- Baylor Scott & White Health Names Four To Senior Leadership Positions
- Federal judge dismisses Tulsa man's kickback lawsuit against EMSA
- Texas Company Raises $10M to Expand On-Demand Healthcare Service
- Menninger Clinic names interim CEO after previous leader's resignation
- Texas A&M wants in on next phase of Houston's Texas Medical Center; Will UT follow suit?
- From 'parking lot central' to architectural oasis: Behind the design of Austin's Dell Medical School
- Texas hospital closes following extensive hurricane damage
- Tenet selects 2 new independent directors: 6 notes

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

**ALASKA**

- Fairbanks hospital group to purchase Sportsmedicine Fairbanks

**IDAHO**

- St. Luke's opens $114M hospital in Idaho

**MONTANA**

- Report grades 8 Montana hospitals with A's to C's
- Montana Lawmakers Block Medicaid Provider Rate Cuts

**OREGON**

- Report: Oregon hospitals make progress on curbing infections
- Knute Buehler calls for special counsel to investigate Medicaid overpayments
- Legacy Health reaches contract agreement with workers, averts strike
Third of 3 Central City Concern health-targeted building breaks ground in Portland

Kuni Foundation grants $7.5M to OHSU for lung and prostate cancer research

WASHINGTON

Inspire Physical Therapy opens in Coeur d’Alene

Health care CEOs raise the specter of Amazon

WYOMING

Wyoming Medical Center charity costs decline

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

CALIFORNIA

Hospital's new CEO says patient care is top priority

San Diego’s next tourism craze: medicine

Local Dignity Health executive will lead hospital group

California hospital lays off employees in cost-cutting measure

93-year-old California hospital to close over inability to meet new seismic standards

Former Molina Healthcare CEO wants control of clinics

Marshall Medical invests $20 million in new electronic medical records system

COLORADO

5 things to know about Swedish Medical Center renovations

DaVita looks at divesting managed-care businesses after another poor quarter

CHI sees operating loss narrow to $77.9M, says merger with Dignity still in the works

HAWAII

Maui hospital ends charges for private postpartum rooms

Nonemergencies put strain on hospital ER

NEVADA

Reaching out: Renown CEO wants to break big-box mold for health-care delivery

Braman is new hospital CEO

In Las Vegas, 911 Callers Have a Choice: Ambulance or Lyft?

Health fund barred from suit over Nevada drug price law

UTAH

Utah Valley Hospital CEO will oversee all of Intermountain Healthcare hospitals

Despite regular, agreed-upon payments, Utah Hospital plans to seize patient’s tax refund
- Intermountain Healthcare selects associate COO for specialty care group: 6 takeaways