

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - DECEMBER 22, 2017

NATIONAL

- Physician job growth varies greatly by region, report finds
- HHS OIG Report Cites Concerns with MACRA Implementation
- 4 healthcare revenue cycle trends to watch in 2018
- OCR revamps HIPAA guidance in wake of opioid crisis, 21st Century Cures rules
- Physician pay increased in 2017 as demand grew, according to study
- 2017: A Look Back At The Year In State Telemedicine Legislation
- Congress Will Not Renew The Children's Health Insurance Program This Year
- 54 ASC joint ventures, acquisitions and partnerships in 2017
- How tax reform will reshape hospitals and healthcare: 8 key thoughts from PwC's Gurpreet Singh
- Democrats call on HHS secretary nominee to address CDC's forbidden words
- McConnell breaks from Ryan, says Senate will not tackle Medicare, Medicaid in 2018
- 2 physician groups will pay \$33M to settle kickback allegations: 6 things to know
- 10 metro areas where physicians saw greatest growth in pay
- 9 HIPAA settlement fines in 2017

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Med Board Drops Charges Against Fairfield Doc, Disciplines Two Others
- CT joins \$13.5M multistate settlement with Boehringer Ingelheim
- ECHN owner to add up to 20 rooms to Manchester Memorial maternity unit
- Harvard Pilgrim grants aim to advance telehealth in CT

MAINE

- Maine to consider fixes to health care system
- CMMC ending partnership with Central Maine Imaging Center
- Husson trustees OK \$3M 'wellness learning center'

MASSACHUSETTS

- Hospital merger needs thorough vetting
- South Shore Health beats out Fallon to win Weymouth ambulance contract

- Tufts, Massachusetts Nurses Association reach labor deal after nearly 2 years of bargaining
- Groups decry Beth Israel-Lahey marriage
- Boston has highest growing demand for doctors in nation
- Mass Innovation Labs inks Boston Landing lease, eyeing tech cluster
- Survey: Almost 20% of Massachusetts residents encountered a medical error in last 5 years

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- N.H. medical center settles malpractice lawsuit for \$2 million

NEW YORK

- Why OB-GYNs in New York may find it difficult to work anywhere else
- St. Clair Hospital and Mayo Clinic partner up
- Watertown hospital declined affiliation talks with Crouse, hospital officials say
- ENH entering partnership with Kaleida Health
- Lawmakers eye fix for \$15M Medicare error
- Rochester Regional Health uses EHR to slash bloodstream infection rate 65%
- Rome Memorial asked to pay back \$2M to federal government
- Syracuse Area's Highest-Paid Health Care Occupations
- Crouse Health's Boynton chats about affiliation with North Country hospitals
- Galanis to step down as president and CEO of Healthlink NY, take position in NYC
- Salvatore gift leads to more naming rights at ECMC

RHODE ISLAND

- Care New England Expected To Keep 200 Jobs In Pawtucket After Closure of Memorial Hospital
- Miriam Hospital seeing patient surge as Memorial winds down operations
- Rhode Island grants two of Prime Healthcare's facilities nonprofit status
- Cambridge-based BioLabs examines expansion into R.I.
- RIDOH approves Prime Healthcare's conversion of Landmark, Rehabilitation Hospital to nonprofits

VERMONT

- State regulators: Vermont hospital needs to dial back revenues, surgeries
- UVM Health Network acquires Yankee Medical for \$1 million
- UVM Health Network, Dartmouth-Hitchcock enter air transport agreement
- UVMMC earns adult and pediatric trauma center reverification
- GMCB approves OneCare's budget

MID-ATLANTIC/EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Delaware doctors, hospitals increase security as medical data breaches continue nationwide
- Delaware joins settlement with pharma company over deceptive marketing

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Sibley Hospital Looks to Improve Health in East End of D.C.
- Maternity Ward at Southeast DC Hospital Will Not Be Reopened
- Here are 5 health stories to watch in Greater Washington in 2018

MARYLAND

- Bethesda transfusion therapy company raises \$2.7 million
- Bethesda health tech company raises another \$23 million
- OIG: Maryland drugmaker to settle kickback allegations for \$210M
- Patient safety expert Dr. Peter Pronovost to leave Johns Hopkins: 7 things to know

NEW JERSEY

- Nurses, techs ratify contract at St. Mary's General Hospital in Passaic
- Cooper University Health Care ends plan to acquire Trinity Health's NJ assets
- State approves sale of troubled Meadowlands hospital
- Cooper, after cancellation of merger, sues to recover \$15M
- Atlantic Health launches new doctor-led network
- Rowan invests \$50M in growing Cooper Medical School
- South Jersey doctor & his son sentenced to prison for Medicaid fraud

PENNSYLVANIA

- Highmark Health to join Penn State Health: 4 things to know
- Highmark-Penn State Health Embark on Strategic Partnership
- Highmark joining forces with Penn State Health, Hershey Medical Center
- Central Pa. health care heavyweights promise the previously-impossible: lower health care costs
- Cooper Health sues after failed hospital acquisitions
- Physician groups to pay \$33 million over alleged kickbacks from HMA Hospitals
- After due diligence, Cooper Health says it will not acquire 3 N.J. hospitals
- Aramark building to trumpet a new name on top: Jefferson
- Hempfield OKs site plan for Allegheny Health Network 'micro-hospital'

- Hospital worker fired for refusing flu shot isn't a victim of religious discrimination, U.S. court says
- Tiny houses come to healthcare: Allegheny Health Network offers peek at first microhospital
- Lannett names new CEO
- Lancaster physicians group to pay \$4M to settle kickback suit
- Allegheny Health Network to shutter hospice unit
- Lehigh Valley Health Network taps Thomas Marchozzi as CFO: 4 things to know
- Dennis Pfeiger is new president of St. Luke's Quakertown Campus: 4 things to know

VIRGINIA

- UVA-HealthSouth gets new CEO
- Lynchburg doctor named Virginia secretary of health and human resources
- 2 shuttered Virginia hospitals secure buyers

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Compass Memorial's second phase hits high gear
- Iowa HIE to piggyback on Minnesota initiative
- Mahaska Health Partnership appoints Kevin DeRonde CEO: 4 takeaways
- Clarinda Regional Health Center board releases Chris Stipe from CEO role

KANSAS

- New leadership comes to WPMC
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas taps Lawrence attorney as next CEO
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital has \$100M plan to expand, including major facility in west Lawrence
- When will Kansas, Missouri exhaust funding for children's health insurance?
- Troubled Kansas psychiatric hospital regains Medicare contract after 2 years
- Western Plains Medical Complex taps new CFO, chief nursing officer

MINNESOTA

- Mayo's telehealth services may be expanding amidst consolidation
- St. Clair Hospital and Mayo Clinic partner up
- Minnesota health systems see less income
- Mayo Clinic Health System workers walk picket line in Albert Lea
- Medical mergers in Minnesota are on the rise
- Report: More Minnesota hospitals struggling financially

- Mayo Clinic locks out most striking workers in Albert Lea
- Minnesota health chief out after reports of abuse at state's nursing homes not being investigated
- Med-tech company Respicardia nabs \$59M ahead of product launch
- Minnesota hospitals see operating margin fall 29% in 2016
- Winona Health to cut 42 positions

MISSOURI

- Ascension appoints new president of healthcare operations
- Hospital budget projects small profit in 2018
- Missouri law allows doctors to practice without residency
- Ascension president/CEO helps meet global needs in Catholic health care
- Mosaic selling KC clinics to St. Luke's
- When will Kansas, Missouri exhaust funding for children's health insurance?
- Financial updates from Cleveland Clinic, Ascension & 3 other health systems

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska's new Medicaid system got off to a rocky start, but state says 'growing pains' are healing
- UNMC lab is 'top of the bar' in developing techniques for testing artificial joints
- York General Hospital partnerships gain national attention
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska looks to create a new parent company

NORTH DAKOTA

- Grafton to upgrade 60-year-old hospital with \$12 million expansion

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Avera Health CEO John Porter to retire after 44 years with system

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Leadership changes at OSF HealthCare
- South Shore Hospital, struggling to survive, cuts pay and jobs
- Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital unveils \$200 million expansion
- U.S. Attorney: Wheeling company made millions from Medicare fraud
- Crossroads hospital names CEO
- Illinois SNF acquired

INDIANA

- [Eskenazi Opens Downtown Rehab Center](#)
- [New Indiana Health Centers in Spencer also serves Putnam](#)
- [Riley Hospital For Children Set For \\$142M Maternity Project](#)
- [Judge halts depositions in CHS' Lutheran Health Network's lawsuit against ex-CEO](#)
- [Moody's warns Franciscan Alliance faces financial pressure, softer margins](#)
- [Indiana declines to join fraud case against 62 hospitals](#)
- [OurHealth sues former exec Oesterle in dispute over compensation](#)
- [Action in CHS suit delayed by judge](#)
- [Demolition of Former Reid Hospital to Begin](#)
- [Indiana hospital's ex-ER director faces theft, drug charges](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Humana in talks to buy Kindred Healthcare with equity firms: Source](#)
- [Humana, private-equity firms buy Kindred Healthcare for \\$4 billion](#)
- [Expansion to provide more healthcare options for Southeastern Kentuckians](#)
- [Dr. Franke Is Lourdes New Chief Clinical Officer](#)
- [Clint Kaho is Baptist Health La Grange's permanent president: 6 notes](#)
- [Jewish Hospital and KentuckyOne facilities may be sold to a New York firm](#)
- [KentuckyOne nearing sale of Jewish Hospital and Louisville assets to hedge fund](#)
- [Baptist Health La Grange names new president](#)
- [Humana Is Buying Kindred's Home Health Business. Here's Why That Makes Sense](#)
- [Partnership brings PatientPing's platform to Mercy Health providers](#)
- [Humana's purchase of Kindred stake unlikely to impact local workforces, executives say](#)
- [Who are Kindred's new owners?](#)
- [KentuckyOne Health Moves Forward With Sale Of Louisville Properties](#)
- [CEOs: Kindred/Humana combo would transform in-home care](#)
- [New administration at Union-Hospital- Clinton](#)
- [Baptist Health Richmond president resigns](#)
- [Owensboro Health expands services in Hopkins County](#)
- [Louisville's newest public company has a new CFO](#)

MICHIGAN

- [Practice News Roundup—Beaumont Health in rift with physician group](#)
- [UPHP CEO Dennis Smith announces retirement](#)

- Sparrow nurses picket outside hospital following months of contract negotiations
- 3 Questions with Beaumont Health, System Vice President of Specialty Services, Stonish Pierce, FACHE
- 2 Questions with McLaren Northern Michigan's President and CEO, David M. Zechman, FACHE
- McLaren opens new corporate headquarters
- Former Michigan Governor to Serve as Chair of DRIVE Health
- United Physicians mulls departure from Beaumont Care Partners
- UM dips toes in direct primary care with Victors Care clinic to open in April
- Health system launches telemedicine app
- Beaumont Health on brink of breaking with 2,386-member physician group: 5 things to know

OHIO

- Premier Health plans new urgent care center north of Dayton
- ProMedica purchasing part of O.E. Meyer Co.
- Why Ohio health care startups saw a 206% funding increase in 2017
- UH names new chief quality and medical officer
- Partnership brings PatientPing's platform to Mercy Health providers
- Lake Health partnering in Beachwood specialty hospital
- Mount Carmel West hospital demolition to begin by spring 2019
- Akron Children's names director of pediatric rheumatology and vice president of population health
- Good Samaritan Hospital first in Ohio to earn cardiac designation
- Summa Health enters agreement with Dayton home health care company
- Kettering Health Network earns \$1M in energy-efficiency rebates
- Financial updates from Cleveland Clinic, Ascension & 3 other health systems

WISCONSIN

- Marshfield wins appeal to build hospital
- Aurora Mequon site acquired
- Ascension Living to purchase Shorelight Memory Care in Racine
- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints names new president
- Montecito Medical acquires 2 Wisconsin buildings housing ASCs — 6 insights

SOUTH/SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Alabama first to drop children's health program

- [Samford appoints program director for new medical initiative](#)
- [Will Ferniany listed among nation's leading CEOs](#)

FLORIDA

- [Five Questions with Lakeland Regional's Danielle Drummond](#)
- [Report: Earnings for Broward's two public hospital methods going reverse methods](#)
- [University of Miami names Abraham CEO of health system](#)
- [Former Florida health official sentenced for leaking 'surprise' inspection info for cash](#)
- [Adventist Health System buys Lake Nona land for \\$9M — here's what it might do with it](#)
- [7 takeaways on South Florida hospitals' 2016 finances](#)
- [Hospital leaders in Florida take on the competition](#)
- [Doctor shortage dented, but report says still more funding needed in Florida](#)
- [Report: Profits for Broward's two public hospital systems going opposite ways](#)
- [Health care administrator gets 4 years, 9 months for bribery](#)
- [Lee County finalizes sale of hospital to Florida's Americore Health](#)
- [Florida Health Facilities Regulator Sentenced for Bribery](#)
- [Florida hospitals call for more funding in effort to address looming doctor shortage](#)
- [Florida Hospital Apopka Moves To New Campus](#)
- [Broward Health indictments could disrupt CEO search](#)
- [Sussman donates \\$15M to kickoff expansion of Miami Jewish Health facilities](#)
- [Baptist Health buys development site near hospital for \\$12M](#)
- [University of Miami names Abraham CEO of health system](#)
- [Osceola Regional Medical Center unveils latest piece of \\$50M expansion](#)
- [How Community Health Systems' shrinking hospital portfolio played a role in a St. Pete City Council vote on Bayfront Health](#)
- [BayCare Health System to receive \\$308M makeover](#)
- [Cyber insurer to cover bankrupt cancer clinic's \\$2.3M HIPAA fine](#)

GEORGIA

- [State OKs Memorial deal; judge orders documents protected](#)
- [GA Attorney General approves sale of Memorial Health to HCA](#)
- [Carter named president, CEO of St. Mary's Health Care System](#)
- [Crisp Regional CEO explains decision to appeal LCMC](#)
- [Atlanta-based medical company inks licensing agreement for 'game-changing' wound treatment](#)
- [Could this Atlanta startup cut health-care insurance costs by 50 percent?](#)

- St. Mary's Health Care System drops 'acting' from CEO Montez Carter's title

MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi Medicaid director resigns, legislators re-examine
- Anderson, UMMC agree to 'affiliation'
- Mississippi Governor Names Aide as Interim Medicaid Director
- Memorial Hospital at Gulfport makes a big move into Jackson County
- Tippah County Hospital chosen to receive technical assistance
- University of Mississippi and Meridian hospitals to ally

NORTH CAROLINA

- Whistleblowers' lawsuit leads to massive medical fraud settlement
- Duke University Hospital picks insider, doctor as new leader
- Retail re-use: Why Duke University scooped up a former Macy's building
- Patrick Conway takes charge as Blue Cross NC CEO
- Public not invited to Franklin hospital hearing
- Carolinas HealthCare announces \$971M in projects for 2018
- "Temporary is temporary:" DHHS Leaders Promise to Fix Cardinal, Then Get Out

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Roper Hospice to manage Hospice of Charleston
- GHS Cancer Institute, Kiyatec partner on cancer diagnostic testing
- South Carolina hospital to cease delivery services

TENNESSEE

- Saint Thomas Health names new president and CEO
- Trish Baise to serve as CEO of Franklin Woods Community, Woodridge hospitals: 5 notes
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Tennessee names new CEO
- Semmes Murphey Clinic, Baptist Memorial Health Care open new neurology center
- Envision finalizes \$31M DOJ settlement
- Former Tenet exec Tim Adams to lead Ascension Tennessee
- Future uncertain for Nashville General CEO amid mayor's plans to end inpatient care
- Physician groups to pay \$33M to settle kickback allegations tied to HMA hospitals
- Audit: Nashville General plagued by financial mismanagement despite progress
- Barry proposes \$2.9M incentive package for Philips' Nashville expansion
- Nashville General extends contract for CEO

- [Saint Francis Healthcare parent co. expanding cost-cutting measures](#)
- [Cash-strapped Nashville hospital struggles with basic bookkeeping, city seeks to halt inpatient services: 7 things to know](#)
- [Trish Baise to serve as CEO of Franklin Woods Community, Woodridge hospitals: 5 notes](#)

SOUTH-CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST

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

ARIZONA

- [Abrazo Maryvale Hospital about to permanently close](#)
- [5 questions with Banner Health's revenue cycle VP](#)
- [Tenet closes 232-bed Phoenix hospital](#)

LOUISIANA

- [Audit: Cancer center falls short on reaching federal status](#)
- [Ochsner to officially ink agreement to operate Louisiana safety-net hospitals](#)
- [Children's Hospital appoints Matthew Schaefer COO: 3 takeaways](#)
- [Ochsner strikes deal to operate safety net hospitals in Shreveport, Monroe](#)
- [UMC unveils new primary care facility in New Orleans](#)
- [Longtime St. Tammany Parish Hospital leader to retire](#)
- [University of Mississippi and Meridian hospitals to ally](#)

NEW MEXICO

- [Hospital finances improve, still not breaking even](#)
- [New Mexico improved in foundation's health ranking, still ranks in middle of pack](#)

OKLAHOMA

- [Ex-Official Says Health Department Was 'Financial Time Bomb'](#)
- [State Could Lose \\$115M in Medicaid Funds for Teaching Hospitals](#)

TEXAS

- [Dallas Home Health Care Company Agrees to Settle Case](#)
- [Tenet Looks to Sell Conifer Business, Cut More Costs](#)
- [Tenet mulls sale of revenue cycle arm, forecasts 2018](#)
- [Former Tenet exec Tim Adams to lead Ascension Tennessee](#)
- [Physician groups to pay \\$33 million over alleged kickbacks from HMA Hospitals](#)
- [Seton to open urgent care clinic in Elgin](#)
- [The 'Frequent Flier' Program That Grounded a Hospital's Soaring Costs](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White to close Texas hospital, affecting 711 jobs](#)

- [DaVita to Pay \\$63.7M to Settle False Claims Act Suit](#)
- [TPG part of \\$4.1B purchase of Kindred Healthcare](#)
- [Morningside to close senior-care community near Pearl](#)
- [Former ONC head Dr. Karen DeSalvo joins Dell Med](#)

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- [5 Things Alaska: Medicaid reform, Premera, Providence](#)
- [Capstone brings telemedicine Downtown](#)

IDAHO

- [Heather Keen named director of strategic development at Marimn Health](#)
- [City of Chubbuck to receive its own medical campus](#)
- [Idaho company to offer bonuses following tax plan](#)

MONTANA

- [Retired neurosurgeon gifts St. Vincent Healthcare Foundation \\$1M: 5 insights](#)
- [Montana ranks in the bottom half of the nation for disaster readiness](#)

OREGON

- [Oregon officials prepare for shutdown of the state's second largest Medicaid carrier](#)
- [FamilyCare Health in danger of closing, leaving patients and care providers fearful](#)
- [It's official: FamilyCare to close, leaving 322 without jobs](#)
- [Lawmakers call for emergency special session to keep FamilyCare in business](#)

WASHINGTON

- [Centene subsidiary in Washington State fined \\$1.5 million over provider deficiencies](#)
- [Could a micro-hospital work here?](#)
- [Moody's revises Seattle Cancer Care Alliance's \(WA\) outlook to stable](#)
- [Spokane health care industry ramp-up is in high gear](#)

WYOMING

- [Hospital district adds new name](#)
- [St. John's Hospital Foundation adds new board members](#)

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Calaveras hospital district approves contract up to \$50K for appraisal
- Search for hospital proposals delayed
- How a young Peninsula company snagged a onetime Roche exec to battle sepsis
- St. Joseph Health, Humboldt County taps former Presence exec for top post: 5 notes
- Nurse accuses Cedars-Sinai of failing to prevent sexual harassment by surgeon
- Adventist Health taps Joe Reppert as CFO: 4 notes
- Antelope Valley Hospital names new COO: 4 notes
- Molina Healthcare to lay off 60 employees this month

COLORADO

- Crews raise key beam in UCHealth Greeley Hospital project
- Interim Colorado insurance commissioner named
- Catholic hospital operator's retirement plan ruled exempt from ERISA
- Colorado lawmakers approve using state money to keep health insurance program for kids running

NEVADA

- Tragedy inspires students to enter health care
- CRISIS MEDICINE: Health professionals review what worked and what didn't

UTAH

- 83 Intermountain Healthcare Clinics Achieve NCQA Medical Home Recognition
- Intermountain researchers build app to keep tabs on advanced heart failure patients