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NATIONAL

- [Kmart to pay \\$32.3M to settle health care-related whistleblower case](#)
- [Indian Health Service Seeking Input on Modernizing its Health IT Systems](#)
- [Reintroduced bill could give data brokers more options under HIPAA](#)
- [Medicare Penalizes Group Of 751 Hospitals For Patient Injuries](#)
- [New laws increase access to healthcare delivery for advanced practice registered nurses](#)
- [92 payer-provider disputes, agreements in 2017](#)
- [133 ASCs, outpatient facilities earning accreditation in 2017](#)
- [81 hospital CEOs who retired or shared plans to do so in 2017](#)
- [Great ACO debate: Focus on integrated EHRs or physician buy-in first?](#)
- [9 states with telehealth legislation taking effect in 2018](#)
- [Big tech's spending on healthcare equity deals up 875% in 5 years: What 5 tech giants are up to](#)
- [Anthem to cut pay for some same-day services by 25%: 4 things to know](#)
- [Perspective: Want to cut health-care costs? Start with the obscene amount of waste.](#)
- [DOJ recovers \\$2.4B in healthcare fraud cases: 4 things to know](#)
- [2017, the year that was: 10 things for healthcare executives to note as they head into 2018](#)
- [3 highlights from the FDA's year in digital health](#)

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [Autistic Man's Abandonment In Hospital Emergency Room Is Tip Of Deepening Problem](#)
- [Hartford Hospital seeks state OK for geriatrics transition to lower cost, expand care](#)

MAINE

- [With finances improving, Mercy Hospital moving forward with relocation plan](#)
- [Medicare repeatedly penalizes Maine hospital](#)
- [Maine hospital attributes Medicare penalty to employee coding errors](#)

MASSACHUSETTS

- [Growing pains will continue for the healthiest state in 2018](#)
- [Hello and goodbye: Vitals is selling Malta hospitals concession to American company](#)

- Survey: Almost 20% of Massachusetts residents encountered a medical error in last 5 years
- Investments trim Lowell General profits
- 9 Massachusetts hospitals penalized for high patient injury rates
- Deadline extended for merger of hospital companies
- Sage Therapeutics CEO cashes in \$35M worth of stock options
- Prouty Garden supporters appeal ruling in Boston Children's expansion case
- Biotech VC scorecard: How the state's biggest firms fared in 2017

NEW YORK

- NYC doctor favored to take UAMS helm
- Coming to East Harlem: \$300 million cancer center
- Six Crystal Run Healthcare doctors sue partnership over Montefiore merger
- Glens Falls Hospital planning for a busy 2018
- Northwell Health Adds Another Hospital
- Troubled Syracuse nursing home sold to new owner; will drop James Square name
- Three WNY hospitals to be penalized for patient injury rates
- New York medical group to cut 500 jobs in Rochester, Buffalo
- Kenmore Mercy Hospital CEO Jim Millard to retire in 2018

RHODE ISLAND

- Care New England hospital group lost more than \$6M in October, November
- Hospital group blames \$6M loss on Memorial's pending closure
- Deadline extended for merger of hospital companies
- RIDOH approves CNE closure of Memorial Hospital emergency department
- Four R.I. hospitals penalized for high patient injury, infection rates
- CMS.gov rates South County Hospital R.I.'s sole 5-star institution
- Maher elected medical staff president at Newport Hospital

VERMONT

- Vermont health care board approves budget for new care plan
- Vermont's ACO gets \$621M in funding
- VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region named a top home health agency
- Vermont's \$44 million health information exchange in trouble

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- United Medical Center names Dr. Eric Li interim CMO
- Opinion: A tale of two cities: A crisis in DC is endangering pregnant mothers and newborn babies

MARYLAND

- Prince George's health system CEO to step down in 2018
- University of Maryland Capital Region Health CEO to depart next year
- Howard L. Sollins: Md. hospitals' community-based strategies
- Bethesda's Precision Medicine Group raises \$275 million
- Sucampo Pharmaceuticals to be acquired in \$1.2B deal
- UMB startup raises \$3 million, adding to big year
- Peninsula Regional Health System CEO to exit in January
- University of Maryland Capital Region Health CEO to depart next year

NEW JERSEY

- St. Barnabas Nurses Reject Hospital Offer Over 'Staffing Issues'
- Holy Name Medical receives top rating from CMS
- State Senate to hold hearing on Horizon's Omnia, Medicare plans

PENNSYLVANIA

- Doylestown Health hybrid operating room to open in the new year
- Upper Bucks hospital's new CEO is a native son
- Geisinger Holy Spirit Hospital cited for safety issues after death of restrained patient
- Patients, physicians give Tyler Hospital high marks
- UHS to acquire behavioral health hospital, 2 clinics in Mississippi
- 5 Philly-Area Hospitals Sold To Reading Health: 2017 In Review
- Local hospitals penalized by Medicare
- New leader for midstate cancer foundation
- Former Hershey Medical tech sentenced for lying about cancer treatment tests

VIRGINIA

- Centra chief medical officer named Va. Secretary of Health and Human Resources
- 2 shuttered Virginia hospitals secure buyers

WEST VIRGINIA

- West Virginia nursing care company agrees to pay back wages
- Altmiller tapped to lead Camden Clark Medical Center

- WVU Medicine to open outpatient-surgery center

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Unclear if Iowa lawmakers will touch privatized Medicaid
- Clarinda Regional Health Center's board ousts hospital's CEO
- Iowa Medicaid providers hit with \$1.5 million in penalties

KANSAS

- Survey: 93.6 percent of Kansas hospital staff vaccinated for flu in 2016-17 season
- KU and Truman hospitals are hit with controversial Medicare penalty again
- Three local hospitals are slapped with Medicare penalty

MINNESOTA

- Union Says Locked Out Albert Lea Mayo Workers Will Return Tuesday
- St. Paul's Regions Hospital seeks big expansion
- Regions Hospital in St. Paul looking to expand
- UnitedHealth to spend \$2.8B to buy Chilean health care company

MISSOURI

- MU Health Care settles class-action lawsuit over payroll practices for \$3.6M
- Missouri "safety net" hospital happy a tax credit will support its joint clinic in KC with YMCA
- 5 St. Louis-area hospitals penalized for high rate of patient injuries
- McCaskill seeks information regarding Anthem's ER policy in Missouri
- Struggling nursing home chain granted rent reductions

NEBRASKA

- University of Nebraska system's CFO takes new job in Florida

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health getting bigger in weight loss with Twin Cities stores opening
- South Dakota hospital CEO awarded rural leadership prize

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Outcome Health abandons headquarters move after fraud allegations
- Financial struggles for several hospital groups

- Facing fraud allegations, Outcome Health backs out of River North HQ

INDIANA

- Dupont chief leads with positivity
- Eastern Indiana hospital giving \$1M toward demolition work
- Gastrointestinal Medicine physicians leave Lutheran Health Network
- Aspire Indiana Health Names First Medical Director
- Senator presses Anthem on decision to clamp down on ER reimbursements
- Anthem Completes HealthSun Acquisition
- Goshen Health Makes Leadership Changes
- Eskenazi Health Center renovation underway

KENTUCKY

- Kindred Healthcare (NYSE:KND) Receiving Somewhat Favorable Press Coverage, Report Shows
- Two lawsuits filed against Baptist Health
- Baptist Health Louisville Hospital's Revenue per Patient was 40% Lower than the National Average
- Local health foundation names new executive director
- AG asks hospital for letter of intent
- Kentucky Lawmakers Mull More Changes To Medical Liability Laws
- Kindred Healthcare's proposed sale opposed by large shareholder
- Kindred Healthcare Holder Brigade Opposes Deal With Humana

MICHIGAN

- Metro Health to 'keep on pace' with strategic expansions under U-M brand
- Cherry Health to explore partnerships to provide virtual patient visits
- Hospice of Northwest Michigan hires new executive director
- Hospitals ramp up efforts to reduce maternal deaths in Michigan
- State criticizes lax Detroit Wayne mental health agency oversight of Medicaid funds
- UM dips toes into direct primary care with Victors care clinic to open in April
- Burnout, training and retirements challenge nursing shortage
- Downtown boiler plant explosion affects hospital

OHIO

- CEO Tim Jarm is leaving Center for Health Affairs
- The Center for Health Affairs begins search for new CEO after Tim Jarm's exit
- MetroHealth to seek partnership with a hospital system outside Northeast Ohio

- [Ohio hospital chain buying home medical equipment business](#)
- [Summa Health finalizes terms of sale of Western Reserve Hospital](#)
- [Summa, Western Reserve Hospital officially end legal quarrels](#)
- [Summa Health finalizes sale of Ohio hospital after 3-year battle with partner](#)
- [Cincinnati's top health care quotes of 2017](#)
- [Cincinnati health care's 2017 by the numbers](#)
- [First Look: MetroHealth to open 2 new hospitals next week](#)
- [Firelands Regional Health System CEO to resign](#)

WISCONSIN

- [Investigation underway after physician found dead in Milwaukee hospital](#)
- [Milwaukee Biz Blog: Will Aurora merger pay off for customers?](#)
- [Physicians Realty Trust completed record \\$1.4 billion in investments this year](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Alabama hospitals facing a funding crisis](#)
- [Alabama hospitals face 'perfect storm'](#)
- [Alabama hospital delays closure](#)
- [UAB School of Optometry ranks near top in research funding](#)
- [UAB to be part of new clinical trial studying severe bipolar disorder](#)
- [New medical clinic opens in Vestavia](#)

FLORIDA

- [Lee Memorial Hospital hit with \\$1.39 million Medicare penalty](#)
- [Health care expert: Why certificates of need are important in Central Florida](#)
- [Broward Health executives file motion to dismiss criminal charges](#)
- [Central Florida hospital profits near \\$1 billion in 2016](#)
- [Northeast Florida's Haven Hospice hit with \\$5 million fine in federal agreement](#)
- [New CEO tapped to lead Heart of Florida Health Center](#)
- [Broward Health Welcomes New Supply Chain Vice President](#)
- [Broward Health hires new chief procurement officer: 3 points](#)
- [Prior Authorization Bill Proposed In Senate](#)
- [Appeals Court Backs Dismissal Of CMS Challenge](#)

- [Anthem acquires Miami-based Medicare Advantage plan](#)
- [Broward Health leaders allege prosecutorial misconduct: 5 things to know](#)
- [Broward Health hires new corporate chief HR officer: 3 takeaways](#)

GEORGIA

- [Georgia patients still at risk from hospital-acquired infections](#)
- [Health system plans \\$125 million renovation](#)
- [Piedmont Healthcare, Shepherd Center 1st in state to sign EHR hosting agreement](#)
- [New HCA team leaders eager to get started at Memorial Health](#)

MISSISSIPPI

- [Blue Cross, cardiologists begin innovative partnership](#)
- [UHS to acquire behavioral health hospital, 2 clinics in Mississippi](#)
- [Stanford Joins Hattiesburg Clinic Critical Care Medicine](#)
- [Mississippi native Taylor named chair of pediatrics at UMMC](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- [How One Rural North Carolina Hospital Defeated Bankruptcy](#)
- [Still no deal as UNC Health Care and Carolinas HealthCare continue secret talks](#)
- [Forsyth, Wake Forest Baptist draw Medicare penalties for second consecutive year](#)
- [Small Eastern North Carolina Town Losing its Hospital](#)
- [20-bed critical access hospital in North Carolina to close Dec. 31](#)
- [Carolinas HealthCare reveals nearly \\$1 billion investment strategy for 2018](#)
- [North Carolina Home Health Care Program Gets New Life](#)
- [Only one Triangle hospital earns top score in federal ranking](#)
- [‘Bigger is not better.’ Experts warn patient costs could rise after NC hospital deal.](#)
- [NC Health Stories to Watch in 2018 – Part 1](#)
- [2017's top stories: Wake Forest Baptist-High Point Regional deal reflects trend](#)

SOUTH CAROLINA

- [Health in brief: Roper St. Francis to assume management of Hospice of Charleston](#)
- [Carolinas Hospital System-Marion announces service changes](#)
- [MUSC wants to build a \\$325 million hospital in Berkeley County](#)

TENNESSEE

- [HCA board permits proxy access](#)
- [Nashville General Offers Short-Term Contract Extension To CEO As Restructuring Looms](#)

- Payet named CEO of state health plan
- Nashville General Hospital owes more than \$6 million in unpaid bills to Meharry Medical College
- The fastest-growing Nashville health care company of 2017 might surprise you

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- NYC doctor favored to take UAMS helm

ARIZONA

- Banner off the hook for several claims in 2016 breach class-action suit
- Spectrum Healthcare Acquires Prescott Internal Medicine Practice Featured
- 5 questions with Banner Health's revenue cycle VP

LOUISIANA

- St. Tammany Parish Hospital CEO Patti Elish to retire in 2018: 3 notes
- Ochsner, state develop nurse apprenticeship program
- Louisiana getting over \$200K in pharmaceutical settlement

NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico hospitals face fines for injury, infection rates
- Christus St. Vincent fined for higher rates of patient injury, infections
- State approves sale of New Mexico Health Connections' commercial business

OKLAHOMA

- Okla. lawmakers pass bills allocating funding for health services
- Oklahoma health care leaders give prognosis
- Gov. Fallin signs bills appropriating millions to DHS and Healthcare Authority

TEXAS

- Doctors recall paving way for Lubbock's Freestanding Emergency Center market
- Texas reaches \$25B deal with feds to extend funds to safety-net hospitals
- Baylor's White Rock Lake hospital, formerly known as Doctors Hospital, has been sold again
- Baylor Scott & White sells 218-bed Texas hospital to Pipeline Health
- Acuity Hospital names San Antonio native to executive team
- Physician-owned medical management company admits to \$3.4M false claims scheme

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- Two health care initiatives dropped from Alaska's 2018 election
- Health care cost transparency rules gain advocates

IDAHO

- St. Luke's Nampa gets green light to bill Medicare, Medicaid after mistake

MONTANA

- Marcus Daly gets green light for major operating room upgrades
- Medical providers say Congress' inaction risks rural Montana's health care safety nets

OREGON

- Health Share prepares for tidal wave of FamilyCare clients from tri-county
- Trent Green is Legacy Emanuel Medical Center's permanent president: 4 things to know
- High-stakes vote nears on Oregon health care tax
- New president of Legacy Emanuel, Unity Center a familiar face
- Big changes for Oregon's healthcare system with Measure 101

WASHINGTON

- Deals of the year: The top Puget Sound-area 2017 acquisitions
- As Walmart competition heats up, analyst suggests Amazon push into pharmacy, health care

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Scripps Health reorganization to include layoffs
- Scripps Health to shed leadership, administrative jobs as part of reorganization plan
- Report: L.A. Doctors Get a Raise, Physician Job Growth Remains Flat
- PHOTOS: New Kaiser, Adventist offices show progress in Roseville
- Children's Hospital Los Angeles' IT Department Recognized
- North Bay health care providers further expand facilities in 2017
- Sacramento's Sutter Health fined \$18,000 for failure to report lobbying
- San Diego hospital opens surge tent after area flu cases quadruple

COLORADO

- Centum Health buys MetroNorth Office Building for \$13.4M
- Denver gender activist files discrimination lawsuit against Aurora hospital and its security
- Who's hiring in Colorado? Here are the top 10 help-wanted advertisers

- Array BioPharma spins off cardiovascular myopathy drug research into new subsidiary
- Conway named interim state insurance commissioner

HAWAII

- Hale Makua Health Services taps Kirsten Szabo as CFO: 3 things to know
- Hawaii health insurance premiums to increase in 2018

NEVADA

- Nathan Adelson Hospice earns Performance Excellence award

UTAH

- SAB Biotherapeutics launches Utah-based subsidiary SAB Capra, LLC
- New Cancer Treatment Technology Coming to Utah at Huntsman Cancer Institute