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- [Worldwide ambulance market to reach \\$48.9B by 2025](#)
- [MedPAC votes to nix MIPS](#)
- [CMS proposes expanding MRI coverage for patients with implantable cardiac devices](#)
- [Exploring the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced Model](#)
- [Amazon is hiring a health privacy expert for 'new initiative'](#)
- [CMS releases guidance for Medicaid work requirements: 5 things to know](#)
- [Provider Health Insurance Fraud Schemes, Settlements Top \\$310M](#)
- [Solving physician burnout: Interdependent care teams beyond hospital setting could be answer](#)
- [Healthcare provider groups take aim at Anthem's ER, imaging coverage policies](#)
- [Here are the first steps to becoming a cloud-first hospital](#)
- ['Safety Net' Hospitals Face Federal Budget Cuts](#)
- [Health Care Just Became the U.S.'s Largest Employer](#)
- [Hospital groups creating company to make cheap generic drugs](#)
- [Intermountain, SSM, Ascension and Trinity Health to launch generic drug company](#)
- [HHS launches new division as part of 'conscience and religious freedom' rule: 6 things to know](#)
- [How healthcare companies with highest-paid boards match up to peers](#)
- [7 key takeaways from CMS' latest Medicare Shared Savings report](#)

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- [Flu-Related Deaths, Hospital Stays Skyrocket In CT](#)
- [CVS plans to keep Aetna's headquarters in Connecticut](#)
- [Connecticut Supreme Court allows patients to sue providers for HIPAA violations](#)
- [State, hospitals butt heads over proposed rate hikes](#)
- [Lawmakers concerned by hospitals appealing agreed-upon rates](#)
- [OPM: Medicaid rate appeals could imperil hospital tax deal](#)
- [Wheeler absorbing St. Francis' Gengras pediatric patients after clinic closes](#)

MAINE

- Maine hospital opens new walk-in clinic, hundreds of prospective patients turn out
- Community Health Options sues federal government for \$5.7M
- Maine Coast announces executive promotions
- National shortage of IV bags has Maine hospitals on edge
- Mercy Hospital gets \$5M boost for Fore River project
- Community Health Options sues federal government for \$5.7M

MASSACHUSETTS

- MassHealth redesign includes certifications for Baystate, Mercy
- Cam Neely cancer foundation unveils new facility at Tufts Medical Center
- Mercy Medical Center names Harvard graduate to top post
- More nurse-hospital talks planned after 'conceptual progress'
- Worries about patients, employees aired at public hearing on closing of Springfield's Vibra Hospital
- Massachusetts nurses protest end of endoscopy service at that UMass Memorial Health Alliance-Clinton Hospital
- Pittsfield nurses authorize another one-day strike
- Clinton Hospital agrees to hearing on closing GI unit
- Concert Pharma shares hit low note on patent challenge denial
- 5 questions with Tufts Medical Center's revenue cycle director

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Exeter Hospital gets clean report after OSHA investigates mystery illness among staff
- New Hampshire hospital loses access to EMRs, cancels surgeries due to flood damage

NEW YORK

- Hospital for Special Surgery, Tenet partner to create Florida orthopedic care center
- Saratoga Hospital Partners With Eye Doctors
- City's New Public Hospital Chief Seeks More Paying Patients
- New York hospital to upgrade ER in \$112M renovation project
- Oscar Health and AXA Announce New Partnership

RHODE ISLAND

- U. proposes merger with Care New England health system
- Cities push for update on Memorial plans from Department of Health
- Brown U and Prospect Medical Holdings Offer To Buy Care New England
- Care New England CEO expects decision on Partners merger this month
- RI hospitals overflowing with flu cases

- [Virgin Pulse acquires Preventure](#)

VERMONT

- [Southwestern Vermont Health Care announces Brian O'Grady as new member to its board of trustees](#)
- [VNA completes \\$7.1 million McClure Miller VNA Respite House capital campaign](#)
- [Sanders urges funding for Community Health Centers](#)

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- [CEO of Nemours Foundation to retire in coming year](#)
- [Three out of six Delaware hospitals penalized over patient safety concerns](#)
- [Delaware Hospitals Adjust to National Shortage of Fluid Bags](#)
- [Physicians bring economic health to Delaware](#)
- [Christiana Care earns five-star rating from federal hospital tracker](#)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- [United Medical Center leaders planned to close obstetrics unit before city officials moved to shut it down](#)
- [See the top-rated hospitals in Greater Washington — and how the others stack up](#)
- [Gray calls for stronger investigative powers of United Medical Center](#)
- [United Medical Center nurses claim deliveries still occur at hospital despite ward shutdown](#)

MARYLAND

- [State investigating University of Maryland hospital where woman was found in gown, outside on Baltimore street](#)
- [Mid-Atlantic Hospitalist Group Expands With Like-Minded Firm, Expects 2018 to See Additional Growth Opportunities](#)
- [Baltimore Mural Ushers In New Radiosurgery System At Sinai Hospital](#)
- [Study shows Maryland meets goals of cutting health care costs without achieving changes in care delivery](#)
- [PRMC ranks in top 10% of all US hospitals](#)
- [Study: Maryland's value-based care program controlled costs but didn't necessarily improve care](#)
- [Wound-tracking startup Tissue Analytics raises \\$5M Series A](#)
- [Cecil County hospital to join LifeBridge Health system](#)
- [Bon Secours Health System more than doubles Q1 operating income](#)

NEW JERSEY

- [New Jersey Rule Limits Physician-Pharma Interactions](#)
- [New NJ legislation allows ASCs to combine; Department of Health to oversee one-room center licensure](#)
- [Report: NJ's doctors pumped \\$55.4B in state economy in 2016](#)

- New hospital and care inquiry set to dominate year's first States sitting

PENNSYLVANIA

- Tenet Healthcare leaves Philadelphia with the sale of Hahnemann, St. Chris
- M&As Realign Philadelphia-area Hospitals
- Docs settle claims they admitted patients who didn't need hospitalization to central Pa. hospitals
- Mid-Atlantic Hospitalist Group Expands With Like-Minded Firm, Expects 2018 to See Additional Growth Opportunities
- Penn Medicine Orthopaedics and Princeton Orthopedic Associates forge strategy
- Lawmaker: Freeing nurse practitioners of work constraints will help health care across state; FTC also on board
- Teva cutting 200+ local jobs as part of broader restructuring plan
- Gateway Rehab expanding in Westmoreland County
- AGH neurosurgeons to be first in state to use robotic surgery system
- AHN names Cleveland Clinic surgeon as chief of clinical operations
- St. Clair Hospital names new chief medical officer
- WellSpan kicks off new urgent care brand with Shrewsbury clinic

VIRGINIA

- Virginia hospitals want proposed tax on profits out of budget in push to expand Medicaid
- Senate Democrats kill Patrick County hospital bill over Medicaid expansion fight
- Study: Virginia Hospitals Have More Money than Last Year

WEST VIRGINIA

- Mon Health expands leadership team
- Hobson named CEO of hospital in Fairlea

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- NOTEBOOK: Iowa hospitals brace for double-digit cut in Medicare drug program
- Keeler begins work as new Mercy-Des Moines president
- Optimae LifeServices adds rehabilitation division
- UnityPoint Health, Amerigroup reach Medicaid agreement

KANSAS

- New leadership and oversight for KanCare as program approaches critical period
- Lawrence Memorial Hospital's proposed west Lawrence project grows to \$93M; work could begin this spring
- Kansas attorney general nominates Lawrence lawyer to be first KanCare inspector general

- Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital names Jenni Gerken CFO

MINNESOTA

- Ex-Allina Health official charged with embezzling \$269,000 from company
- Integrity Health Network appoints interim CEO
- Fairview CEO bashes Epic, calls for march on Madison
- MSPBJ Forum: Minnesota health care CEOs on mergers, politics and competition
- UnitedHealth net earnings double (with a tax-cut assist)

MISSOURI

- Skilled nursing and rehabilitation center opening
- Wentzville health care processing facility to close
- Children's Mercy receives \$150 million donation for new Children's Research Institute
- City, hospital ask public to troubleshoot traffic ahead of \$40 million expansion
- Ascension, SSM and others plan to develop generic drug company
- Judge OKs \$29M deal to end class action vs Ascension Health over Wheaton Franciscan pension claims
- With flu raging, KC hospital experts face shortage of essential supplies
- Here are the first steps to becoming a cloud-first hospital
- Telehealth gives rural Missouri more access to health care

NEBRASKA

- New CEO Welcomed to Broken Bow with Freon Leak at Melham Memorial Medical Center
- Newly named Blue Cross of Nebraska CEO says he's unsure plans under ACA will resume

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Health Technology Firm in Sioux Falls Lays off Employees
- Sanford, Good Samaritan advance partnership talks, will submit plan to board

MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- How one hospital supplier is prospering amid health care's maelstrom
- Presence Health TIF passes City Council panel
- OSF HealthCare, not Caterpillar, to place HQ on former Chase block
- He started as a hospital orderly. Now he's in charge of Memorial's future.
- Presence hospitals' foundations seek answers about locally raised funds
- Renovations in the works for Taylorville Memorial Hospital

- [ACLU urges Chicago City Council to deny \\$5.5M subsidy to Presence Health](#)
- [Egan says Roseland Hospital could lose \\$6.6 million if the hospital assessment program is shut down](#)
- [Judge OKs \\$29M deal to end class action vs Ascension Health over Wheaton Franciscan pension claims](#)
- [City Council approves \\$5.5 Presence Health subsidy after emotional debate](#)
- [Northwestern Memorial HealthCare's net income nearly doubles in Q1](#)

INDIANA

- [St. Joseph Hospital Names CEO](#)
- [Hospital service plan a sticking point in suspended merger talks](#)
- [Ransomware attack drives Indianapolis hospital back to pen and paper](#)
- [Former CEO of Lutheran Health Network seeks dismissal of CHS' lawsuit](#)
- [Carmel health exec sues insurer, claiming it should have defended him in sexual assault case](#)
- [Eastern Indiana hospital giving \\$1M toward demolition work](#)
- [Hancock Health pays \\$47,000 ransom to unlock patient data](#)
- [Indiana moves to drop hospital EHR lawsuit against CIOX Health](#)
- [IU Health, IU break ground on IU Health Regional Academic Health Center](#)
- [Methodist Hospital CEO: End of merger talks 'missed opportunity'](#)
- [What Will Dearborn County Hospital's New Name Be?](#)
- [New Senior Living Community to Debut in Indy](#)
- [Methodist Sports Medicine Acquires Bloomington Clinic](#)
- [Work Begins on \\$389M Regional Health Center](#)
- [Attorneys move to dismiss EHR lawsuit against 69 hospitals](#)
- [Hospital groups creating company to make cheap generic drugs](#)

KENTUCKY

- [Kindred Healthcare opens new downtown building with no mention of pending sale](#)
- [Movers & Shakers: Louisville Healthcare CEO Council, Savii Care](#)
- ['No one to fault but myself.' Ex-hospital executive sentenced in bribery, kickback scheme](#)
- [Kentucky imposes Medicaid work requirements in unprecedented reform](#)
- [Kentucky saves \\$2.5 million through innovative healthcare initiative](#)
- [Clark Regional hires new CFO](#)
- [Baptist Health Lexington one of only two hospitals in Kentucky to receive 5-star CMS ratings](#)
- [Major bank ups its stake in Kindred Healthcare](#)
- [Lawmakers suspect Kindred of mispending public funds before closures at LTC facilities](#)

- Hospirus on forefront of aging care innovation
- Former CHI hospital administrator sentenced in bribery scheme
- Opening of \$15 million ER expansion at Hardin Memorial Hospital delayed
- Kindred CEO: Louisville poised to be epicenter for aging-care industry revolution

MICHIGAN

- Three Rivers Health CEO resigns
- New Mercy Health location on west side of Grand Rapids
- Report: Michigan physicians create \$59.1 billion in economic impact
- Detroit area hospitals' IV bags drying up in flu season
- New website informs about the quality of care at Michigan hospitals
- Name, logo released for new sports medicine institute in Marquette
- Medical firm acquires practice
- Intermountain, SSM, Ascension and Trinity Health to launch generic drug company

OHIO

- Justin Krueger to serve as Clermont Hospital president
- Health care boom continues in Butler, Warren counties
- Miami Valley Hospital welcomes new president
- Northeast Ohio Hospitals Are Keeping an Eye on Dwindling Supply of IV Fluid and Equipment
- Ohio Hospitals chief: Massillon hospital's closure unwelcome, but not surprising
- Dayton's largest hospital names new president
- Summa Health orthopedic cancer specialist expands practice to Medina
- Greater Cincinnati hospital system elects government official as board chairman
- Bill aims to extend timeline for Affinity closing
- President Drake predicts bright future for Wexner Medical Center already at the top of its game
- Cleveland Clinic app connects patients and doctors in 'virtual visits'
- Massillon filing court injunction to keep Affinity open
- Cleveland Clinic opening outpatient medical center in Stow
- No IV bags? Cincy hospitals say they are adapting to shortage through flu season
- Is eminent domain a solution to keeping hospital in Massillon?
- Cardinal Health closing Zanesville locations
- 5 things you need to know about Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton
- Premier Health to close Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton

- [Local leaders react to Dayton hospital closure](#)
- [City, physicians seek to halt Quorum's closure of Ohio hospital](#)

WISCONSIN

- [HSHS Sacred Heart Eyes Growth Strategy As Ex-CEO Considers Options](#)
- [Froedtert unveils new Drexel Town Square Health Center in Oak Creek](#)
- [U of Wisconsin Health CMIO: Copy-and-pasting in EHRs is a 'blot on our profession'](#)
- [Sacred Heart's new leader brings record of growth](#)
- [Fairview CEO bashes Epic, calls for march on Madison](#)
- [Froedtert Health buys LifeCare Hospitals building in Waukesha for \\$30.6 million](#)
- [Marshfield Clinic announces expansion of Wausau location](#)
- [Aurora Health Care buys seven more properties for \\$99.3 million](#)
- [Federal judge approves Ascension Health's \\$29.5M settlement in class-action pension lawsuit](#)

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- [Alabama hospital puts surgeries on hold due to flu](#)
- [Genetic pioneer leaves Alabama where healthcare challenge too great](#)
- [Cancer center hearing postponed](#)
- [ProAssurance names new chief operating officer](#)
- [American Family Care opens clinic in Mountain Brook](#)

FLORIDA

- [Broward Health Expands Compliance Program; Names Nicholas Hartfield Vice President, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer](#)
- [Hospital for Special Surgery, Tenet partner to create Florida orthopedic care center](#)
- [Jonathan Immordino Named CFO at Rockledge Regional Medical Center](#)
- [Longtime hospital leader Wayne Brackin to leave Baptist Health South Florida](#)
- [HCA in running for Florida hospital](#)
- [Florida Hospital implementing new security measures](#)
- [Florida bill increases women's non-hospital options for labor, delivery](#)
- [Capital Regional Medical Center CEO leaving](#)
- [Judge erases \\$347 million verdict against nursing home company](#)
- [Florida Implements Multi-State Nursing License Amid Shortage](#)
- [UCF, Florida Hospital competing for Lake Nona's Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute](#)

- Jared Smith to assume CEO role at Broward Health Coral Springs
- Rockledge Regional Medical Center selects new CFO
- 21st Century Oncology emerges from bankruptcy

GEORGIA

- Tom Price joins advisory board of Jackson Healthcare
- John Kueven is WellStar Paulding Hospital's new president: 4 points
- Health system unveils renovation renderings
- New board of directors to govern local hospital
- WellStar Health System displaces 49 employees

NORTH CAROLINA

- Hospice announces leadership transition
- North Carolina News – Mission Hospital Agrees to Pay \$89,000 To Settle EEOC Religious Discrimination Lawsuit
- New Duke Hospital research center aims to reduce health care treatment gaps
- North Carolina proposes law requiring data breaches to be reported in 15 days
- Hospital CEO stepping down
- Paul McDowell named CFO for Mission Health
- Mission Health's virtual care success lies in EHR, telehealth integrated workflow
- Erlanger agrees to take over North Carolina hospital
- Keeping a Hospital Afloat in Far Western Murphy
- Isley to lead Nash UNC Health Care
- Hospital board names new CEO
- Duke acquires Macy's spot at Northgate Mall for hospital's largest off-campus clinic
- Mission aims to build facility near Swannanoa
- Novant CEO's new book talks transparency, his paycheck and Undercover Boss

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Hospital CEO's goal: 'stellar patient care'
- South Carolina hospital accused of tarnishing legacy of Coretta Scott King
- As SC flu deaths rise, Beaufort Memorial lets you see a doctor without leaving home
- MUSC to open facility at Citadel Mall
- Lexington Women's Care Chapin now open

TENNESSEE

- CHS to sell off more hospitals this year

- Nashville mayor delays closure of safety-net hospital
- Mayor Pauses Plan For Nashville General Hospital
- Preston Surgery Center in Frisco Texas Now Offering Transparent Cash Pricing
- Erlanger looks to acquire first hospital outside of Tennessee
- Former CHI hospital administrator sentenced in bribery scheme
- Meharry president amid Nashville General Hospital debate: 'We're just passing through a storm'
- CHS CEO Wayne Smith on ill-fated \$7.6B deal: 'Based on a retro view of it, I wouldn't do the deal.'
- HCA in running for Florida hospital
- Nashville's fifth-largest private company buys Wisconsin health-tech firm
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center's chief compliance officer leaves for UW Medicine

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas Heart Hospital acquires Malvern clinic
- Fort Smith hospital sets up flu clinic to ease ER crowding
- Harrison doctor asked to leave hospital; expectant moms in middle
- Arkansas Children's set to open new pediatric center
- Rural Hospital In Arkansas One of Six to Share \$2M Grant

ARIZONA

- Plaza Cos. breaks ground on \$16M Banner Health property in West Valley
- How Flagstaff doctors handle being on the front lines of the flu

LOUISIANA

- 'Widespread' flu overwhelming hospitals and doctors' offices throughout Louisiana
- Louisiana governor considering work requirements in Medicaid

NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico hospital lays off 12 employees
- Hospital relocating three clinics
- Clock ticking on nursing compact

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma tribes make multimillion dollar investments in health care
- Oklahoma Health Department CFO testifies on financial problems
- After 280K Patients Exposed in Data Breach, Oklahoma Hospital Shares What It Learned

- [Cold and Flu Cases Flood Oklahoma Hospitals](#)

TEXAS

- [Hospital for Special Surgery, Tenet partner to create Florida orthopedic care center](#)
- [Providence names new president](#)
- [Gill Joins Texas Scottish Rite Hospital to Lead Orthopedics Team at New Frisco Facility](#)
- [5 things a CMIO should be thinking about with University Health System's CMIO Dr. Maulik Purohit](#)
- [Texas Hospital Association turns heads, cuts costs with "smart ribbon"](#)
- [How a Texas physician group's revenue cycle changes improved patient experience](#)
- [Finances of hospital get booster shot](#)
- [Baptist Hospital opens triage outside ER during peak flu season](#)
- [SA hospital's parent strikes deal with home health care company](#)
- [Baylor Scott & White To Build \\$30M Heart Hospital in McKinney](#)
- [Preston Surgery Center in Frisco Texas Now Offering Transparent Cash Pricing](#)
- [Melissa McLeroy Tapped for CFO Role at Medical City Dallas](#)
- [A shrinking number of rural Texas hospitals still deliver babies. Here's what that means for expecting moms.](#)
- [Report: If Rural Texans Want Decent Health Care, They Should Mosey to New Hampshire](#)
- [Methodist Healthcare CEO leaving San Antonio hospital system](#)

NORTHWEST

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

IDAHO

- [Life in Balance: Rural Idaho doctor shortage](#)
- [Plan to close Idaho health coverage gap moves forward](#)

MONTANA

- [Billings Clinic still undecided on what to do with 53 acres in Bozeman](#)
- [Hospital CEO announces he will step down](#)
- [Marcus Daly breaks ground on new operating rooms](#)
- [Take a sneak peek at RiverStone Health's new clinic](#)

OREGON

- [Flu season ravages Oregon, filling emergency rooms and hospitals](#)
- [Oregon not jumping on the Medicaid work requirement bandwagon](#)
- [Buehler files bills to reform Oregon Health Authority, CCOs](#)
- [A Portland-based health care app maker snags \\$5.7M, plans more hiring](#)

- Oregon lawmaker submits prescription drug transparency bill

WASHINGTON

- Virginia Mason Medical Center's Rate of Readmissions Returning to Their Hospital was 6% Higher than Washington State's Average
- Trios to lay off 9 employees in latest cost-cutting move
- Vanderbilt University Medical Center's chief compliance officer leaves for UW Medicine
- Providence St. Joseph CEO offers deeper analysis of 2018 predictions: Talks tech, genomics, policy and more

WYOMING

- South Lincoln Medical Center taps Karl Sundberg as CEO
- Cody Regional Health Cath Lab lands \$1.5 M grant

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Lawsuit reportedly accuses Centene of offering inadequate access to doctors
- Palo Alto County Health System Welcomes New CEO
- Second nationwide instance of alleged 'patient dumping' of a homeless man at California hospital stirs debate
- U of Southern California opens Norris Healthcare Center with outpatient surgery center
- Westwood-Based Wisercare Appoints New Chief Executive
- Sutter Medical Center Sacramento gets 'upscale culinary center'
- Petaluma hospital deal on life support
- California hospital's ED hit by bedbug infestation

COLORADO

- Vail Health has started work on east wing portion of hospital renovation plan
- Lawmakers reach agreement to keep Colorado nurses with out-of-state licenses working
- Clock Ticks On Bill To Allow Out-Of-State Nurses To Practice In Colorado
- Family calls for stricter patient discharge laws at hospitals
- Marketplace helps Colorado hospitals sell, trade legacy devices
- Hickenlooper signs interstate compact to help offset shortage of Colorado nurses
- Fort Collins medical-device company seeking \$59,000 in capital
- 65-year-old nurse sues Denver Health hospital, alleges she was fired for supporting Trump
- Children's Hospital Colorado hires chief strategy officer

HAWAII

- Viewpoint: Pacific Cancer Institute will remain open despite lease disagreement
- Rough flu season hits peak in 49 states, spares Hawaii

NEVADA

- Flu season peak has Las Vegas ERs, clinics straining to cope

UTAH

- Intermountain Healthcare, Others, Will Develop Generic Drug Company
- Ogden Hospital First in Utah to Earn Parkinson's Disease Certification