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- How ASC facilities turn their smaller operations into safer operations
- Private equity pushes into healthcare
- Walmart wants to bring its 'everyday low prices' to health care
- Only 18% of physicians say value-based payments will improve care, survey finds
- Half Of U.S. Doctors Have Pay Tied To 'Value-Based Metrics'
- HHS launches ASC safety database
- CMS proposes rule to reduce burdensome healthcare facility requirements
- AHA, on defense, pitches 340B 'stewardship'
- AHA launches hospital transparency effort
- Do physicians' white coats matter to patients? 5 thoughts
- CMS proposes new Medicare compliance rules
- Physicians satisfied with career, not so much with pay, report finds
- AI to save healthcare $150B by 2025
- ACOs dispute CMS estimate, say they saved double
- Can patients with HSAs deduct the new Apple Watch as a medical device? Not yet
- Amazon, Merck, Accenture to launch data-driven drug development platform
- AHA, CHA leaders fire back at emergency room cost op-ed
- HHS to create data-sharing strategy for its 11 agencies
- Why Walmart is a fierce competitor in healthcare
- Medicare auditors saved program $214M in FY 2016 and 7 other things to know
- 6 healthcare executives on the evolution of their leadership style

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Medicaid transportation contractor improving, but complaints continue
- Connecticut hospital to build $3M neurosciences center
- CT hospitals collect $1.2B in outpatient facility fees over three years

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- Health Quest's expansion into Connecticut spotlights rural hospital crisis
- State getting nearly $17 million to fight opioid crisis

MAINE

- LincolnHealth explains MaineHealth merger
- CMH's Maine Urgent Care will open Monday in Topsham
- EMMC nurses reach tentative 3-year contract agreement
- Letter to the editor: No-confidence votes don’t tell whole story at Central Maine Healthcare
- MaineGeneral wins national award for workplace wellness
- Community health care group to open new pediatric center
- Hospital rehabilitation facility on hold

MASSACHUSETTS

- Growth in Massachusetts health care spending growth slowing
- Partners HealthCare, Massachusetts Eye and Ear settling deceptive billing allegations
- Urgent care clinic industry explodes across South Shore, state
- RiverBend, Mercy Medical practices renamed Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group
- Massachusetts hospitals, union clash over cost of nurse staffing ballot issue
- Boston Children's splits top role, appoints COO as president
- Hospitals pay $1M in HIPPA settlements over 'Boston Med' filming

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Hospital-acquired infections drop in New Hampshire
- Ground broken by Portsmouth hospital officials for new Dover emergency room

NEW YORK

- NY's Marist College Announces New Med School to Open in 2022
- CDC report reveals 'concerning' C. auris emergence in New York hospitals
- Why the largest health care provider in WNY is suing Buffalo City schools
- Top official at Memorial Sloan Kettering resigns after failing to disclose industry ties
- Kings County Hospital ER worker fired for allegedly selling patient records

RHODE ISLAND

- BCBS of Rhode Island to pay $5M after audit reveals coverage deficiencies
- BCBS of Rhode Island blames vendor for breach of customer data

VERMONT

- Contract talks resume between Burlington hospital and nurses

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- UVM hospital management says latest offer is its last, calls for a union vote
- Nurses union, hospital come to terms on tentative deal
- North Country Hospital hires new CEO

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DELAWARE

- Christiana Care hospital system defrauded taxpayers with 'kickback scheme,' suit says
- Archives: Christiana Care pays $3.3 million to end whistleblower lawsuit

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- Here Are The Big Issues The D.C. Council Plans To Tackle When It Returns
- Here's the latest on Providence hospital's upcoming closure in D.C.

MARYLAND

- Changes are coming to UM Laurel Regional Hospital
- Mercy Health closes merger with Maryland health system
- 3 Maryland providers plan new ASC projects
- How Johns Hopkins encourages employees to voice patient safety concerns

NEW JERSEY

- RWJBarnabas chief: Monmouth Medical plots Fort Monmouth campus with tech in mind
- MRI unit at Monmouth Medical Center receives accreditation
- AmeriHealth apprises members of privacy breach
- Smart Hospital Challenge seeks to improve hospital ops
- Adler Aphasia Center names Walker president, CEO
- The hospital digital revolution & what it means for cybersecurity: 4 Qs with University Hospital Newark, New Jersey's interim CISO

PENNSYLVANIA

- 4 ways CHOP is boosting behavioral healthcare services for children
- Pottstown Hospital names new chief operating officer
- Jefferson, Einstein poised to unite forces
- Hospital execs push value of telemedicine to Pa. House
- Penn State Health presents sketch plan for new hospital to township officials
- How Penn Medicine empowers residents to drive quality improvement, patient safety
- Aramark to sell healthcare technology business for $300M
- Jefferson and Einstein Healthcare Network reach definitive merger agreement

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- Pennsylvania hospital CEO reverses decision to leave role
- Penn Medicine, Grand View Health Announce Alliance
- Grand View to expand alliance with Penn Medicine
- Pennsylvania hospitals urged to weigh patients in kilograms to curb medicine errors
- Hershey trying to prevent hospital's 'implosion'
- Pennsylvania hospital blames tech glitch for employee paycheck issues
- 350+ patients settle lawsuit with Pennsylvania hospital over fugitive physician's misdiagnoses

VIRGINIA

- Virginia Hospital Center Expansion Proponents Mobilize Ahead of Key Vote
- Virginia Lawmakers Seek Solution for Surprise Balance Billing
- Arlington Chamber warns further delay on VHC expansion could send 'wrong message to businesses'
- Letter: Hospital expansion plan will bring behavioral-health upgrades

WEST VIRGINIA

- WVU Hospitals, Wetzel County Hospital Enter Into Management Agreement
- Highland Hospital in Charleston announces 31 layoffs
- West Virginia hospital lays off 31 employees
- New president and CEO selected for Mon Health System
- WVU, Jackson County, Wetzel County hospitals join together

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Is there a future for OB services in Iowa Falls?
- Regents given rosy UI Children's Hospital budget, but...
- County accused of HIPAA violations
- Iowa Methodist, UI Hospitals rank high in national list for consumer loyalty
- Iowa Medicaid's per-member cost increases nearly triple since privatization
- Moreland opens Nextaff franchise for health care staffing

KANSAS

- University of Kansas Health System given $66 million gift
- ‘Big-picture view of life’: New CEO brings optimism, collaboration to St. Francis hospital
- Stormont Vail achieves top nursing designation for third time
- Francis adding ‘game-changing’ medical equipment, part of $50 million investment by new owners

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MINNESOTA

- Apple's latest health hire is this Minnesota hospital chain COO
- Investigation: Edina hospital violated patient privacy
- Mayo Clinic to launch health plans with Minnesota insurer
- CMS Finds Minnesota Hospital Violated Patient Privacy Rights
- Shriners Hospital to cut 64 workers as part of shift to outpatient care
- Smiths Medical won't be sold after all; parent company calls off merger talks
- Shriners Hospitals' sole Minnesota facility to end inpatient care
- Frontier Airlines chairman donates $25M to Mayo's new medical school

MISSOURI

- MU Health Care CEO Touts Financial Gains, Potential Hospital Acquisitions
- Report suggests declining number of primary care physicians in Missouri
- Louis County health chief quits for job in Kansas City
- Louis health monitoring startup raises $4 million
- Liberty Hospital buys out partners in $66M wellness community
- Patricia A. Maryland: In today’s data-accessible age, a focus on people-first healthcare drives quality, customer satisfaction
- Louis Children’s Hospital receives one million dollars from Hyundai Motors
- Newly renovated pediatric department at St. Joseph Hospital
- SSM Health St. Clare Hospital-Baraboo taps new president
- SSM Health St. Joseph Lake Saint Louis opens pediatric emergency rooms
- BJC names new senior vice president and chief financial officer

NEBRASKA

- Josie Abboud to serve as CEO of Methodist Hospital, Methodist Women's
- Josie Abboud is first woman tapped to lead Methodist hospitals as president, CEO
- Phoenix mall to be home to $100M Nebraska-based health campus

NORTH DAKOTA

- Talking Trinity: Trinity breaks more ground this week
- Addiction center in western ND postponed following heated city meeting

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Regional names Davidson as permanent president, CEO
- Sanford Invests $10M in Sioux Falls Biopharma Company
- New robot at Rapid City Regional Hospital

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MIDWEST

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

ILLINOIS

- Rush Hospital scores city approval for $473M cancer care center
- Pinckneyville Community Hospital adds monthly Pain Management Clinic
- Danish pharmaceutical company picks Chicago area for new office

INDIANA

- Goshen Health to Open New Infusion Center
- TriMedx nearly doubles workforce with $300M acquisition
- TRIMEDX to Acquire Healthcare Technologies Business
- Aramark To Sell Healthcare Technologies Biz To Trimedx For $300 Mln
- Parkview Partnering With Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- Parkview, Cincinnati Children's teaming up
- Federal agency awards Indiana $25M to fight opioid abuse
- Pain center reopens after being served a warrant by federal agents
- Lutheran Hospital returning to normal after computer virus attack
- Cyberattack forces Indiana hospital to cancel elective surgeries, divert ambulances
- Community Healthcare System Cuts Ribbon on St. Mary Medical Center Occupational Health Clinic

KENTUCKY

- $105M Health Innovation Center opens
- Chris Self named President/CEO for Manchester Memorial Hospital
- $5.6 million secured for community health centers in Kentucky
- Baptist Health Paducah Radiation Oncology Earns Reaccreditation
- Waystar to acquire Massachusetts tech firm
- Humana CFO: 'What we're trying to do with health care is fundamental transformation'

MICHIGAN

- Thinking ahead: Michigan’s bioindustry promotes innovation in health care delivery
- Munson Medical Center nurses rally for contract
- Borgess Medical Center to be renamed as Ascension Borgess
- Almost 4,000 nurses authorize strike at University of Michigan
- Henry Ford to open Royal Oak outpatient facility in civic center
- Priority Health Announces Leadership Changes: Strengthens East Region

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- UP Health won't seek to acquire DCHS
- Health system makes nursing cuts
- Feds awarding $12M to West Michigan mental health centers
- Proposed sale of Michigan hospital falls through for 2nd time

OHIO

- Mercy Health makes another leadership change
- Bon Secours Mercy Health names Mid-American Group president
- Premier Health CEO named leader of UD board of trustees
- Premier Health names new VP of primary care for physician group
- This health consulting company will add more than 1,000 jobs to Greater Cincinnati
- City maintains secrecy around Affinity offers
- Parkview Partnering With Cincinnati Children's Hospital
- New Ohio ED to Quicken EMS Turnaround Time
- Cleveland Clinic reports it boosted Ohio's economy by $17.8 billion in 2016
- Mercy Health closes merger with Maryland health system
- Summa Health pulls off financial turnaround in H1
- Massillon council tables legislation to revive Affinity Medical Center under new management
- University Hospitals plans $2 million renovation at Ravenna facility
- Summa Health denied bid to restart ER residency program
- Steward closes Ohio hospital, lays off 468
- Ohio hospital throws out bid to reopen
- Miami Valley Hospital constructing new ICU
- Incoming emergency department to serve as 'incubator of opportunities'
- Premier Health to open two new practices
- Struggling rural hospital affiliates with Adena for specialists
- UC Health, hospital settle with plaintiffs in fugitive spine doctor case
- Mercy Health invests in tech firm
- Ohio hospital scales back services ahead of Sept. 20 closure

WISCONSIN

- Sheboygan HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital welcomes CEO Justin Selle
- UWSP and Marshfield Clinic team up for health care careers
- Marshfield Clinic job eliminations go beyond city, about 115 positions

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- Marshfield Clinic Health System to lay off 25 employees
- Froedtert Health Announces Plans for New Wisconsin Hospital
- Marshfield Clinic Health System finalizes Neillsville Hospital affiliation
- $10M lawsuit: Aurora Health cut real estate firm from buyback deal worth millions; Aurora: No contract breach
- Ascension All Saints in Racine gets new $1 million electrophysiology lab
- Bellin Health Oconto Hospital taps new CEO

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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

ALABAMA

- Volunteer Who Rocks Babies Donates $1 Million To Alabama Hospital
- Bradford Health Services names new president

FLORIDA

- Central Florida Regional Hospital files application for new hospital
- Memorial Healthcare System selects new CIO
- Florida Hospital partners with startup Wellth to improve medication adherance
- Sarasota hospital system sues pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors for role in opioid epidemic
- Ultimate CEO Insights: Cleveland Clinic Florida’s Barsoum on his professional growth
- Inside Johns Hopkins' new $95M Research and Education Building in St. Petersburg, Florida

GEORGIA

- South Georgia Medical Center -- Moody's downgrades Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County (GA) to Baa3; outlook negative
- Georgia hospital's expansions gaining national attention
- Georgia considers CON reforms to increase health care access
- Georgia could upend CON laws after shutting down surgery center proposal
- Doctors Hospital to cut the ribbon on a $21.8M expansion

MISSISSIPPI

- Merit Health Rankin Names CEO, CFO
- Another pharmacist pleads guilty in $400M-plus health fraud

NORTH CAROLINA

- Florence hospital roundup: How are affected hospitals recovering after impact
- State sets hearing on day surgery facility application
- Aramark To Sell Healthcare Technologies Biz To Trimedx For $300 Mln
- Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Expansion of SECU Family House at UNC Hospitals

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- Hearing set for $16.3M Pardee UNC Health Care ASC application
- NC Hospital Foundation Announces Disaster Relief Fund
- Atrium Health's net income drops 64% in first half of 2018
- Randolph Health isn't going anywhere; Orth answers the rumors
- Free services, delayed bills among health care offerings as Florence smashes NC
- OMH reports estimated $1 million in damage
- Novant Health invests $300K in community
- Wilkes hospital computer network down due to virus
- Cone Health: Virtual visits pair doctors with evacuees
- Two $1.5 million grants allow Wake Forest Baptist to join national stroke study
- Durham's BioAgilytix continues Durham expansion

SOUTH CAROLINA

- South Carolina hospitals face high costs of hurricane evacuations
- Florence hospital roundup: How are affected hospitals recovering after impact
- SC hospitals that transferred patients out of evacuation zone will take financial hit

TENNESSEE

- How Nashville Changed Health Care for the Nation
- 3 things to know about Covenant Surgical Partners CEO Lew Little
- Quorum closes Tennessee hospital
- Nashville Price Transparency Firm Tells Congress To Police Health Care Consolidation
- Nashville health care firm names new CEO

SOUTH-CENTRAL / SOUTHWEST

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

ARKANSAS

- Urgent Care Joins Surgery as Arkansas Surgical Hospital Niche
- Tied to Arkansas Corruption, Preferred Family Healthcare Seeks Sale
- Federal panel dismayed after thousands of Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries lose coverage

ARIZONA

- Steward Health Care teams up with Diamondbacks
- Arizona State Hospital Sued For Withholding Records On Patient's Death
- Phoenix mall to be home to $100M Nebraska-based health campus
- Creighton University to open four-year medical school in Phoenix

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LOUISIANA

- Lakeview Regional Medical Center selects Scott Montgomery as COO
- Lawmakers welcome new deal for north Louisiana hospitals
- LSU-Ochsner deal hailed, but bitterness lingers over safety net hospitals
- Ochsner's center for children with disabilities opens on Jefferson Highway
- Proposed Louisiana health care cuts eliminate mental health, substance abuse, adult day care services

NEW MEXICO

- Christus partner changes name to Anchorum
- Hospital partner unveils new name, expanded mission
- Shiny new Presbyterian hospital feels hospitable
- New Presbyterian hospital spurs competition in Santa Fe
- Health Council looks for help from hospital
- Santa Fe to open its first new medical center in 30 years
- First look at Presbyterian's new Santa Fe hospital

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma Medicaid providers see rate hike after 9 years
- Oklahoma hospital tries GoFundMe to keep its doors open
- OU Medicine becomes official healthcare partner of the Oklahoma City Thunder

TEXAS

- Texas Health Resources is considering sports medicine center partnership
- Texas hospital asks judge to dismiss Aetna's claims in billing suit
- Waxahachie anesthesiologist faces 10 years in prison, $100K fine for alleged health care fraud
- Thousands expected to get $25M worth of health services at Fort Worth 'mega clinic'
- Methodist Health to Open 235,000 SF Healthcare Facility in Metro Dallas
- How the nationwide IV bag shortage helped Texas Health boost patient, nurse satisfaction
- Houston hospital appeals loss of federal funding for heart transplants

NORTHWEST

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

ALASKA

- 5 Things Alaska: Managed care, defining “local,” key health care legislators
- Alaska psych hospital prioritizes patient safety over staff, employees say

IDAHO

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- Idaho still in talks to allow non-ACA health plans
- Idaho Health Insurance Providers Propose Rate Hike Average of Eight Percent in 2019
- Hospitals are fed up with drug companies, so they're starting their own

MONTANA

- Central Montana Medical Center recognized for Improvement in Patient Care
- Missoula hospitals work on treatment for addicted babies
- Hospital in Missoula conducts emergency response exercise

OREGON

- BOLI fines Legacy Health record-breaking $5 million for denying employees breaks
- Oregon hospital to expand use of control center to head off sepsis
- Walden, Wyden hail Senate-passed opioid package
- Why one rural Oregon county beat out 200 competitors for a national health prize
- Providence Heart Institute taking in patients from OHSU's transplant program

WASHINGTON

- 100-bed Inland Northwest Behavioral Hospital prepares to open
- State's new health care website receives national award
- New urgent care planned on Bainbridge Island
- CHI Franciscan Health Virginia Mason Announce Plan for New Birth Center in Seattle
- State's new health care website receives national award

WYOMING

- hopefuls talk health-care ideas in Cheyenne
- Hospital board's membership to shrink after election

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Dignity is merging with a Catholic medical system — will it impact SLO County healthcare?
- Hospital works through issues, hires new development officer
- Hospital merger meeting set for Monday in Grass Valley
- UC hospitals, nurses' union have tentative five-year deal that would boost pay 15%
- Joseph Health to cut 25 jobs at 2 California hospitals after union protest
- Hospital merger public hearing scheduled on Sept. 25
- Cash-strapped California hospital closes ER

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- Hospital merger triggers concerns
- California Nurses, University of California system reach tentative contract agreement
- Health care bills sent on to Governor Brown
- California hospitals must offer vegan meals under new law
- California physicians must inform patients of probation status under new law
- Adventist Health Bakersfield to cut more than a dozen jobs

COLORADO

- New Facilities, Partnerships Help Healthcare Systems Grow
- Southwest Memorial's cutbacks hit home in Dolores
- Grand Junction clinic joins in growing health care program
- Boulder Community Health launches hospital-based midwife clinic
- Patients, partners laud partnership between Vail Health, Children's Hospital
- Hospitals, clinics looking to expand as rapidly as Colorado's population is growing
- Baxter steps down as Parkview Medical Center CEO; Barnes named replacement
- Gubernatorial candidate Jared Polis reveals 100-day plan to improve health care in Colorado
- Could laws like one in Colorado reduce medical costs? A U.S. Senate committee aims to find out
- Parkview Medical Center CEO to resign in 2019

HAWAII

- 40K notified of ransomware attack at Hawaii fetal diagnostic center
- Study: Hawaii's physicians shortage got worse in 2018
- Survey: Hawaii loses 51 doctors as shortage continues

NEVADA

- Health care briefs: new surgical center features robot
- Carson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center honored

UTAH

- Healthcare Must Change: New Intermountain Transformation Center to Lead Global Advance in Healthcare Delivery
- Huntsman Cancer Foundation Announces Major Gifts to Support Hospital Expansion Plans
- Ribbon cut to celebrate new Layton Hospital
- 12th Street hospital status unknown, city won't pay demolition costs for old Fred Meyer building

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