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NATIONAL

- Health system and physician group alignment: The strategies that don't work — and those that do
- New Senate bill seeks to reduce restrictions on telemedicine use
- The vital role of hospital technology selection in achieving post-merger alignment
- Amazon has a secret health tech team called 1492 working on medical records, virtual doc visits
- OIG Puts EHR Vendors on Notice Regarding Potential Healthcare Fraud
- HIMSS Names Hal Wolf as New President and CEO
- CMS releases final inpatient rehabilitation payment rule: 7 things to know
- New bipartisan Obamacare push faces steep climb
- Joint ventures and collaborations across healthcare services
- U.S. hospitals set record for fast heart attack care
- Shift in physician workforce towards specialists fuels primary care shortage, potential spending growth
- States win right to join ACA subsidies case
- HHS OIG posts video on eClinicalWorks settlement

NORTHEAST

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

CONNECTICUT

- Medical mile vision coming to fruition in Newtown
- Sharon Hospital Sold To Regional Group, Returns To Nonprofit Status
- Access Health CT Warns Remaining Insurers May Leave
- New Canaan's Silver Hill Hospital Names New President
- CT hospitals using app to coordinate care
- Charter Oak Health Center gets $300K grant for specialty services project
- Danbury Hospital receives $3M gift to build cardiovascular surgical suite
- Stanley commits $2M to Hartford Hospital

MAINE

- Maine getting almost $6M to improve public health prep
- Pen Bay must adapt to stop financial losses

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- Maine Supreme Court rules hospital did not discriminate against nurse over disability
- New Google tool gives Maine doctors a second set of eyes and hands
- LincolnHealth breaks ground on $13.7M project in Damariscotta

MASSACHUSETTS

- Top Boston Official Placed on Leave
- Berkshire Medical Center nurses vote to authorize a strike
- Tewksbury Hospital PHI Data Breach Threatens 1K Patients
- Former Massachusetts biotech CEO accused of defrauding investors
- Gov. Baker to Sign Health Care Fee, Wait on Medicaid Changes
- Minuteman Health placed under state control
- Bedford's Ocular Therapeutix turns to layoffs after FDA rejection

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Executive Council OK's state hospital staffing review
- Connected device deemed successful in health management program

NEW YORK

- New York, Justice Department secure $4.4 million settlement with health care provider
- Health care provider with $996 million New York contract announces cuts to national workforce
- Michael Breslin Named Chief Financial Officer of NewYork-Presbyterian
- Epic rollout at New York hospital backed by $5.7 million state grant
- Area health care facilities get $11M boost
- NewYork-Presbyterian launches pediatric telehealth option
- WebMD is sold

RHODE ISLAND

- 3 months later, Care New England and Partners still working on merger deal
- Women & Infants Hospital president steps down
- Brown receives $9.2M to create bioluminescent neuroscience tools

VERMONT

- Vermont hospitals seek $2.5B from patients, insurers

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- Community raises over $30,000 to support CVHHH Hospice at annual golf tournament

MID-ATLANTIC / EAST

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

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- This D.C. company just launched on-demand prescription delivery
- Former head of DC veterans hospital fired after investigation

MARYLAND

- Evergreen Health in tailspin after purchase group backs out
- Meritus plans $15M outpatient center near Maugansville
- United Therapeutics in Settlement Talks With Justice Department -- Update
- 4 questions with Jon Burns, CIO of University of Maryland Medical System
- Maryland regulators suspend Evergreen Health from market as investor seeks to save it
- Appeals court allows lawsuit against CareFirst to advance
- MedStar joins seven institutions in new home-based care initiative

NEW JERSEY

- New Jersey hospital to open ED blocks from rival hospital after state approval
- New Rutgers partnership to create N.J.'s largest academic health system
- Atlantic Health CEO to chair American Hospital Association
- Medical device lawsuit names The Valley Hospital, surgeons
- Summit to be paid $5.56M in new deal with Atlantic Health
- Hackensack Meridian, nurses agree on new contract
- A doctor in the house: South Jersey health system gets a new leader
- Lourdes Health System CEO and president retires
- Sutherland Healthcare names chief medical officer

PENNSYLVANIA

- Pennsylvania eases Highmark's reporting requirements for Allegheny Health investments
- Universal Health Services profit falls $3 million in second quarter, for-profit hospital operator lowers outlook
- A new national insurer is coming into the Pittsburgh region's Medicare Advantage market
- State's nursing home fines more than double in a year, 13-times higher over three years

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- Tandigm Health makes new deal to better care, costs of oncology care
- Wilkes-Barre General gets trauma center
- St. Luke's receives green light for new hospital in Milford Township
- Geisinger Holy Spirit named Level II trauma center
- 'Steady progress' — AHN CFO retraces journey toward profitability

VIRGINIA

- Sentara RMH gets new designation
- This fall, Inova Health will launch its Personalized Health Accelerator
- Sentara Norfolk General taps new COO
- Hospitals take final steps to form health system
- Two-Year Expansion of Reston Hospital Center Close to Getting Underway

WEST VIRGINIA

- Area hospitals faring better financially than CAMC
- Healthcare CEO uses YouTube to unveil job cuts
- Woman claims Charleston Area Medical Center isn't licensed to collect debt
- West Virginia hospital's new copay policy aims to curb nonemergency visits in the ER
- Hospital group leader expects more announcements like CAMC's

CENTRAL

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

IOWA

- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Iowa to expand services in Oelwein
- Univ of Iowa Hospital to Pay Respiratory Therapists $95K in Overtime

KANSAS

- St. Francis Health Foundation closing but all charitable assets remaining in Topeka
- Specialty Practices Drive Growth in Kansas City Medical Office Market
- Whistleblower case prompts suit against KU Health for fraud, negligence
- KU Cancer Center upgrade bid denied, but Children's Mercy Hospital approved as partner

MINNESOTA

- Nurses at Buffalo Hospital reach tentative agreement
- Medtronic closes on $6.1 billion sale of supply lines to Cardinal Health

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- Children's Minnesota CFO, vocal in Blue Cross dispute, steps down
- Which Minnesota medical clinics patients like best
- Children's Minnesota names Emily Chapman CMO
- Last insurer will bow out of MNsure small-business program

MISSOURI

- MU Health opens new multi-million dollar center
- SSM Health Medical Minute: New effort to increase kidney transplant utilization
- Owner of home health company pleads in $1.4M tax fraud scheme
- Mid-Missouri hospital faces steep uphill climb to stay open
- Boone Hospital Center trustees to explore MU Health partnership
- 3 things to know from the PCRCM hospital board
- Ralph Nader’s nonprofit wants to shut down heart attack study at St. Luke’s
- Ascension names new chair and board member

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska Medicine plans new clinic in Elkorn
- Nebraska’s Only ACA Insurer Seeks Rate Increase
- NantHealth Signs Three-Year Extension Contract With Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
- Boys Town National Research Hospital to expand focus on communication research

NORTH DAKOTA

- St. Alexius nurses file for unionization vote
- North Dakota: Hospitals must disclose air ambulance coverage
- 147-page report outlines Hettinger nursing home violations
- Bismarck to be site of new behavioral health initiative

SOUTH DAKOTA

- South Dakota hospital to cease inpatient, emergency services
- Avera Queen of Peace to launch hospitalist program in August

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

ILLINOIS

- Vivek Kundra Promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Outcome Health

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- Amita Health eyes $43 million expansion
- New CEO to lead Decatur hospital
- Walgreens takes minority stake in $1.4 billion purchase of pharmacy provider
- HSHS St. Mary's Hospital selects CEO: 4 notes

INDIANA

- Methodist Hospital seeks formal link with Deaconess
- Flat-fee payment model bypasses traditional health insurance
- Jury rules against ex-WellPoint exec in lawsuit over firing
- Kindred hospital to get new name under venture with Community
- Celebrating the new E.R.
- Community Health takes over a dozen Walgreens area clinics
- New CEO Named at Deaconess Health, and Other Job Changes
- Microhospitals Scaling Down For Convenience, Efficency
- Community Hospital, University of Chicago partner to treat high-risk pregnancies in Northwest Indiana
- Grant to Expand Eskenazi Health Program
- Riley Children's Health appoints COO, CMO
- IU Health CEO's systemwide tour takeaway: Managing demand at destination hospitals a consistent obstacle

KENTUCKY

- Methodist Hospital seeks formal link with Deaconess
- Kindred’s Stock Falls. Could New Proposed Payment Rule Be To Blame?
- Kindred hospital to get new name under venture with Community
- EMS Agencies in Kentucky Address the Impact of Paramedic Shortages and Hospital Closures
- Kindred To Shutter White Rock Lake Location
- Humana increases guidance again after strong 2Q earnings
- PharMerica agrees to be sold to KKR, Walgreens for $1.4B; then go private

MICHIGAN

- DMC Names New Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and Sinai-Grace Hospital CEOs
- Holland Hospital plans $14.5 million expansion of birthing center
- Molina to close Midwest Health Center in primary care pullback
- Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills is first to be renamed in Ascension Health system

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- Cancer Center for Women Now Open in Rochester, Michigan
- Michigan delays posting proposed health insurance rates
- Ascension plans $63.1 million in capital projects for Macomb-Oakland and Providence hospitals
- Spectrum Health brings urgent care to Rockford with new $13M patient facility

OHIO

- Adena Bone & Joint Center partners with Fayette County Memorial Hospital: 3 takeaways
- Kindred hospital closure to affect 111 jobs
- Medical Mutual and University Hospitals deal a competitive win for Cleveland: editorial
- University Hospitals joins Medical Mutual of Ohio's SuperMed network
- Five health care companies to pick up patients plans after two companies leave Health Care Exchange
- Summa Health releases quality report in effort to be more transparent
- OhioHealth O'Bleness continues to go green
- CareSource to further expand health insurance products in Ohio
- Cleveland Clinic opens Center for Men's Health
- Trinity's new chief executive begins his duties
- 4 thoughts on modernizing the supply chain with a Cardinal Health leader
- Cardinal Health Reports Q4 and Fiscal 2017 Results, Provides 2018 Guidance
- Cleveland Clinic signs deal with Molina Healthcare amid CareSource fallout
- UC Health hospital notifies patients of medical records being compromised
- Molina cutting 10% of workforce nationwide, not disclosing impact on Columbus
- Calling all readers: How a Cleveland Clinic and CareSource split will affect you
- PatientPoint Acquires the Patient Education Network, Deepens Oncology Footprint
- Judge dismisses lawsuit challenging Cleveland Clinic's closure of 108-year-old hospital
- MetroHealth hires first chief ethics and compliance officer

WISCONSIN

- Marshfield Clinic Research Institute names Acharya executive director
- Molina Healthcare Leaving Wisconsin's ACA Exchange
- Wisconsin insurance company raises $10k to support new facility with ASC: 3 highlights
- Rogers treatment facility permit issue nearing resolution

SOUTH / SOUTHEAST

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ALABAMA

- Children's Of Alabama To Construct New Office Building And Parking Deck
- Alabama officials end RCO program; hint at Medicaid changes
- Flowers Hospital names Thomas Roddy COO
- Alabama abandons plan to reform Medicaid program

FLORIDA

- Tampa thyroid specialist settles false billings claims for $4M
- Tampa nursing home company files for bankruptcy
- West Florida Hospital unveils new robot technology
- UCF Gets Permission to Build Teaching Hospital
- SNF Operator Senior Care Group Files for Bankruptcy
- Florida health care admin charged in $1B Medicare fraud case
- Lee Memorial Hospital sues to evict patient refusing discharge to nursing home
- Joe Natoli: Takes his broad leadership record to Baptist Health role
- Lack Of Residency Slots In Florida Leaves Some Doctors Without Licenses

GEORGIA

- What's delaying the Northside-Gwinnett Medical hospital merger?
- South Georgia Medical Center appoints new CDO
- Northeast Georgia Health System names new CFO
- Hospital withholds settlement records in fired employee's suit over mandatory flu shot
- Billion-dollar Brookhaven hospital rising quickly along Interstate 85
- Grady Memorial Hospital acquires land for $142 million surgical center
- Pain clinic and owner to pay $250k to settle billing fraud case

MISSISSIPPI

- Forrest Health board approves succession plan for Dillard
- Methodist Rehab Center names new chief nursing officer

NORTH CAROLINA

- Vidant integrates with ECU to unify health care services
- Mission Health, Aetna strike new multi-year agreement

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- Mission offers its own health care plan
- Vidant Health names Zervos executive director of Vidant Cancer Care
- Miller named chief operating officer at Park Ridge Health
- Blue Cross of N.C. lowers requested rate increase for ACA plans next year
- LabCorp to take over Chiltern in $1.2 billion deal
- Team8 visits Triad; nonprofit has new CEO; hospice groups expand
- Novan's interim CEO outlines future focus

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Some MUSC physicians refuse to sign employment contracts over change to RVU-based compensation
- Hospital looks at affiliation one year later
- Health Sciences South Carolina names CEO: 3 things to know

TENNESSEE

- VUMC, United renew contract
- Hospital stocks sink after HCA's earnings stumble
- Satchel Health adds another $1.5M for its post-acute-focused telemedicine platform
- Community Health Systems Says It’s Selling Off Even More Hospitals
- Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt Vertical Expansion
- Ferguson: Saint Thomas Rutherford expansion plans reflection of area's growth
- Tenet sells 3 Texas hospitals to HCA
- CHS' Smith: Aiming to get ‘back to growth mode’ in ’18
- Fred's sales 'slower to materialize,' leadership remains confident
- St. Jude continues flurry of construction in July
- TriStar Centennial Medical Center names HCA hospital exec COO
- TeamHealth names Philip McSween EVP

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

ARKANSAS

- Arkansas Heart Hospital opens new clinic in Arkadelphia
- New Medical School in Western Arkansas Welcomes First Class
- Doctor On Demand’s Video Medicine Available Now in State of Arkansas

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ARIZONA

- Banner Health names new chief financial officer
- Banner Health opens 3 clinics at Arizona grocery stores

LOUISIANA

- LHC Group announces joint venture with Christus Health
- CHRISTUS Health partnering with Imperial Calcasieu Surgical Center
- Ochsner, St. Tammany add new technology to neurological care

NEW MEXICO

- Longtime NM hospital CEO to retire
- New Mexico: Patients can skip surprise emergency-care bills
- Presbyterian names new CFO

OKLAHOMA

- EMSA kickback case may have expanded to criminal probe
- Oklahoma Health Care Authority could lose as much as $120 million in funding
- New State Telemedicine Laws Show Provider Hurdles Remain
- Nebraska’s only remaining Obamacare insurer proposes average rate increase of nearly 17 percent

TEXAS

- Texas county will soon lose its only cardiologist
- Dallas-Based Company at Center of Medical Bill Questions
- The C-suite table at Memorial Hermann is starting to look pretty empty as more executives leave Houston nonprofit system
- New State Telemedicine Laws Show Provider Hurdles Remain
- Kindred To Shutter White Rock Lake Location
- Bankrupt Adeptus Health to issue patient refunds to avoid consumer backlash
- CHC charity organization looks to boost rural hospitals' finances
- Baylor Scott & White, USPI purchase majority stake in Texas Spine & Joint Hospital — but still can't expand inpatient beds
- Texas hospital closes, lays off 60
- Health care staffing firm to move its headquarters to Cypress Waters
- Developer, hospital system team up on master-planned community’s medical district
- University Hospital in San Antonio plans $390M expansion

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NORTHWEST

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ALASKA

- Health insurer files for rate decrease for Alaska market
- Murkowski's healthcare vote causes a stir in Washington and Alaska

IDAHO

- Idaho health insurers propose steep rate hikes for 2018

MONTANA

- Kalispell Regional Names New CEO
- St. Vincent Healthcare unveils renovated ICU

OREGON

- Oregon hospitals are gearing up for eclipse
- Should hospitals pay property taxes?
- What you need to know about the Oregon-born CRISPR gene-editing breakthrough

WASHINGTON

- Everett Clinic, two others open new health-care clinics
- Seattle Children's opening pediatric cardiology clinic in Great Falls
- Jay Inslee names Western State CEO Cheryl Strange to head DSHS
- Tacoma area fares worst on preventable hospital stays; Eastside comes out best

WEST

(California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah)

CALIFORNIA

- Providence St. Joseph Health announces $10M mental health funding
- Molina Healthcare begins laying off Long Beach workers
- McKesson to open distribution center in Roseville, employing about 166
- Covered California announces 12.5% increase in 2018
- Meritage Medical Network announces its chief medical officer
- 8 questions for Santa Rosa Community Health Centers CEO Naomi Fuchs

COLORADO

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- Mercy named among Colorado's top hospitals for nurses
- DaVita earnings beat expectations, despite problems in California, overseas
- Clovis enters cancer drug agreement with pharmaceutical giant
- Aspen Valley Hospital CFO retires

HAWAII

- Hawaii insurers seek to raise ACA premiums by 20% or more in 2018
- Head of Kaiser Permanente Hawaii to retire
- Kaiser names new CEO for Maui Health System

NEVADA

- Nevada hospital explores three options
- New rehabilitation hospital being built in Henderson
- Stemming physician turnover

UTAH

- Intermountain CEO: Digital health doesn't have to conflict with human touch
- Molina Healthcare to exit ACA exchanges in Utah, Wisconsin

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