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- Number of Arizona inpatients with COVID up by nearly 50% since end of 2021
- Many Arizona nursing home residents are vaccinated but not boosted
- Banner Health expects hospitalizations to peak in mid-February from recent omicron surge

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- Arkansas health officials ask state for $400M to cover increased Medicaid costs
- Failed nursing home chain owner, wanted in Arkansas, arrested on federal charges in New Jersey
- Longer wait times for Arkansas ambulances at hospitals becoming new norm
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- Arkansas Children's names SVP of operations
- Former UAMS employee exposes 518 patients' health information
- Former Arkansas nursing home owner arrested, charged in $29.5M Medicare scheme

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- Arkansas health officials weigh in on mask debate, warn of fake masks
- Federal officials arrest nursing home owner charged with more than $3M in Arkansas Medicaid fraud
- More Civil, Criminal Charges for Former Skyline CEO Accused of Tax and Medicaid Fraud
- Arkansas Children's Hospital co-led study finds promise for peanut-allergy sufferers
- State of Arkansas assisting hospitals as COVID-19 hospitalizations climb
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- 'Simply not enough': Officials respond to percentage of eligible CA nursing home staff boosted
- Despite Burnout, These California Health Care Workers Aren't Quitting
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- Providence, Kaiser say conditions set by AG threaten partnership
- California launches Medicaid innovation with new MCO and technology requirements

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- Colorado emergency departments see plateau in COVID cases
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- CVS Health investing $6.5M in Denver's affordable housing community
- Hospital charges $847 'facility fee' for telehealth visit

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- Doctors withdraw request for hospital emergency protocols as Colorado COVID numbers seem to improve
- Colorado Department of Public Health says new omicron variant detected in Denver metro area
- Executive director of Colorado consumer health group to step down
- Children's Hospital Colorado takes on mental health crisis
- Vail Health CEO talks future projects and growing pains

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- Connecticut legislature expecting Gov. Lamont's emergency powers to expire
- Lamont wants to extend these 11 executive orders in CT
- Yale New Haven inks deal to automate 6M patient encounters annually
- CT Health Officials Monitoring Stealth Omicron Variant
- Connecticut substance use disorder counselors: Staffing, service shortages show state's lack of commitment to 'most vulnerable'
- Connecticut National Guard distributes COVID tests kits, PPE to nursing homes
- Lamont order requires nursing home visitors to show proof of vaccination
- Nursing home: Residents deaths amid storm 'mischaracterized'
- Governor delays new nursing home staffing requirements

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- Johns Hopkins Health System is expanding in Greater Washington. Here's what's on tap.
- DC-area's omicron case surge is in decline, but hospitalizations are peaking
- D.C. Residents Grow More Vocal with Opposition to District's Vaccine Mandate
- Howard University Hospital Appoints Dr. Robert Linton II as Chief Medical Officer
- AccentCare De Novo to Build D.C. Hospice Presence, Fill Access for Gaps Underserved

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- Unable to fill open positions, Delaware hospitals seek hundreds of volunteers
- Secretary Magarik Announces Leadership Changes at Department of Health and Social Services
- Health officials say COVID numbers headed in right direction
- BayHealth expands care access with new virtual service
- DocGo to Acquire Mid Atlantic Care and Expand Footprint to Two New Markets
- Community assessments underway in Delaware to improve health
- 'Nearly doubled it' | Delaware Public Health Lab gets major expansion amid COVID-19 fight

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- Florida ASC sues Cigna for $434K spine reimbursement
- Florida drops federal vaccine mandate appeal for health care workers
- Florida orthopedic practice more than doubles revenue since 2019 merger
- HCA hit with antitrust lawsuit in Florida
- Lakeland Regional Health partners with BayCare on joint home care program
- Deadline here for Florida health care workers to get vaccinated
- Key stakeholders unite to discuss Florida's nursing shortage
- Florida health systems partner for joint home care program
- Bill would expand Florida doctors' ability to refuse care based on beliefs
- Broward moves ahead with Florida hospital project, battles Baptist
- Florida health officials face hurdles with limited supply of monoclonal antibody from government
- Study finds employees in Florida pay among the highest rates for health insurance
- Bayada Home Health Care laying off 682 employees in Tampa Bay area
- Florida hospitals don't have to use federal surprise-billing dispute resolution process
- Baptist Health South Florida names John P. Diaz, M.D., Medical Director of Robotic Surgery and Chair of the Robotics and Innovations in Surgery Subcommittee
- $225M Florida project with ASC, Andrews Institute cleared for construction

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- Atlanta hospital copes with record surge in COVID-19 patients, staffing shortage
- Georgia suing Biden administration over Medicaid rejection
- Judge to rule soon on Ga. medical marijuana lawsuit
- Metro Atlanta hospitals are overwhelmed -- and some ambulances must get diverted, health care leaders say
- Wide-ranging mental health bill aims to increase access to services in Georgia
- Georgia National Guard called to front lines in fight against COVID-19
- More than 500 employees at NGHS face termination for refusing COVID vaccine
- Anthem names new chief in Georgia amid dispute with Northside
- John Ferguson Jr., leader of Georgia hospital for 4 decades, dies
- How NGMC Braselton plans to keep up with South Hall growth

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- Office of the Governor News Release: Governor Ige extends COVID-19 emergency proclamation, keeping current rules in place
- FEMA gives Hawaii nearly $48M to pay traveling healthcare workers

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- ‘Our staff is stretched’: Hawaii hospitalizations hit record high as COVID surge still hasn’t peaked
- While peak in Hawaii COVID cases might be in sight, hospitalizations still poised to rise
- Keynote: Health care’s role in Hawaii’s economic outlook
- Gov. David Ige focuses on healthcare, economic recovery goals in 2022 State of the State address
- Already full, Hawaii hospitals brace for a possible surge in patients
- Hawaii Medical Service Association donates $1M to the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization
- Accuracy of COVID case counts in doubt amid growing use of at-home tests

IDAHO

- Crisis standards activated for southern Idaho health systems, affecting hospitals in eastern Oregon
- Idaho activates crisis standards of care in 3 districts
- Idaho hospitals are in crisis, again. This time, it’s more complicated
- Idaho hospitals back in dire straits
- Idaho health teams 'exhausted' but 'resilient' in the face of rising omicron cases

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- Illinois hospital's $70M facility with ASC
- OSF HealthCare announces new partnership for Hospital at Home Service
- St. Anthony Hospital Project Moves Forward, Set For City Council Review Next Month
- Staffing shortages at Illinois long-term care facilities, data investigation reveals
- Study of Chicago hospital finds Black patients more often described negatively by doctors
- New mental health hotline coming to Illinois
- 2 More COVID Testing Companies Under Investigation in Illinois
- UnityPoint Health aims to recruit terminated Illinois hospital workers
- Javon Bea blames Mayor, City for inpatient service closures at MercyHealth Rockton
- City leaders, patients challenge Mercyhealth’s request to stop emergency services at west-side campus

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- Good Samaritan Hospital requests Indiana National Guard help as it sees a large spike in COVID-19 cases
- Fix high hospital costs or we will act, Indiana legislators warn healthcare systems
- Franciscan Health Central Indiana Makes Promotion
- Franciscan Health Rensselaer Targets Childcare Shortage
- Hopebridge Announces Major Hiring Effort
- Inaugural Leader Named for Evansville Psychiatric Center
- Plan Commission Passes IU Health Rezoning Proposal

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- Selah House Outpatient Clinic Opens in Jeffersonville
- Indiana county hospitals keep nursing home spending secret. This bill would change that.
- Reid Health Donates Building for Social Services Use
- Life inside an Indiana hospital receiving help from the National Guard
- County hospital CEO pay, nursing home spending stay secret after lawmakers scuttle bill

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- 76 Iowa long-term care facilities have COVID-19 outbreaks, IDPH says
- Iowa surgical group pays $612K to resolve fraud allegations
- Marion nursing home cited in wake of death, abuse, short-staffing allegations
- University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics taps new COO
- TailorMed, UnityPoint Health partner to reduce treatment cost
- 'Case by case basis' for Iowa businesses after OSHA vaccine mandate withdrawn
- Stranger Bottle-Feeds Baby in Iowa Hospital, Family 'Very Frightened'
- Iowa doctor goes national and stages hospital ‘jailbreaks’ for COVID-19 patients
- COVID-19 cases explode at Iowa long-term care facilities
- 'It's getting worse': Iowa nursing homes see low booster rates amid omicron surge

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- Kansas hospitals still overwhelmed despite small decrease in COVID patients
- KCK hospital offers look inside overcrowded morgue
- Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly extends executive orders to help with healthcare staffing
- Former Overland Park nursing home worker charged with raping resident
- Local health leaders sound the alarm as Kansas sets national COVID-19 case record
- Kansas governor signs COVID hospital staffing emergency bill, deploys National Guard for testing
- Patient, beware: Kansas and Missouri still pushing ineffective COVID antibody treatments
- 8 hospitals seeking CEOs

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- 500-physician network opening Kentucky surgery office with robot
- Bamboo Health names new chief of staff
- Beshear, 4 local firms launch effort to bring $10M lab to NKY
- Gov. Beshear: Case numbers continue to climb; healthcare system overwhelmed
- Humana senior care subsidiary broadens reach across markets, including Louisville
- One of Louisville's largest nonprofits gets federal OK to fund more services

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- There are 'just not words' for the toll Covid has taken on this rural Kentucky community
- EMS, hospital association at odds over proposed Ky. House bill
- Kentucky hospital reports network outage, care delays amid cyberattack
- Kentucky healthcare providers to receive $52M in pandemic relief
- Kentucky physician pleads guilty to $887K tax evasion
- LifePoint Health saw an opportunity to create a new company 'early' in its purchase of Louisville-based Kindred Healthcare

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- 'Joyful and human': LCMC Health's path to becoming the 8th most trusted system in the country
- Governor: Louisiana may be peaking, but cases will stay high
- Omicron hospitalizations appear to be peaking in Louisiana; see latest COVID data
- Caddo Parish's COVID cases fall 20.1%; Louisiana cases plummet 28.1%
- COVID cases fall 10.9% in Terrebonne Parish, 28.1% across Louisiana
- Louisiana AARP calls on nursing homes to require COVID booster shots for residents and staff
- Ochsner Health sees decline in patients with COVID-19
- More than 1,000 hospitalized with COVID-19 in Ochsner hospitals
- Ochsner CEO: Omicron cases appear to have peaked

MAINE

- Dana-Farber adds 1st affiliate member in Maine
- Maine hospitals see decline in number of COVID-19 patients
- Maine COVID-19 positive test backlog swells to 56,000, and wastewater testing expands
- 'Signs of hope on the horizon' | 3 things to know from Maine's COVID briefings: Jan. 26, 2022
- Mainers are getting diagnosed with COVID while hospitalized for other reasons
- UMaine School of Nursing receives $1.5M award to reduce job-related burnout
- Residents return to Milbridge nursing home damaged in storm
- Five members of Maine National Guard deployed to Franklin Memorial Hospital
- COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to decline, led by drop in ICU patients
- More evidence points to decline in omicron surge, but hospital numbers remain high
- Backlog of positive tests reduces Maine's ration of lifesaving COVID-19 drug

MARYLAND

- CareFirst signs 15-year deal to keep Maryland HQ in Canton
- Gov. Hogan issues executive order to further address healthcare staffing shortages

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- Hogan signs order to boost staff at hospitals, nursing homes
- Inside this Maryland ICU, a depleted staff struggles to keep going
- Maryland hospital patient information exposed in email breach
- Maryland's COVID numbers are dipping, but are we turning a corner?
- New Maryland emergency legislation to address health care workforce shortages
- New Maryland bill could criminalize threats against health care workers
- Maryland health organizations share visions for equitable, community-based care
- Former state health secretary Mandy Cohen accepts new job as CEO for Maryland company
- Access to behavioral health care is Maryland's 'number one issue,' as legislature discusses solutions to long ED wait times

MASSACHUSETTS

- Hospital refusing heart transplant for man who won't get vaccinated
- Massachusetts House passes $55M bill to address COVID supply struggle
- Massachusetts optometrist accused of $35K billing fraud
- Resistance to a Boston Hospital's Expansion Centers on Rising Prices
- Curb costs or get fined, state tells Mass General Brigham
- Health cost regulator tells Mass General Brigham to clamp down on spending, critiques $2B expansion plan
- Boston hospital denies heart transplant for unvaccinated patient
- Harvard, Stanford physicians call for universal use of N95s in hospitals
- Mass General Brigham required to implement a cost-savings plan
- Optometrist Charged with Fraudulently Billing MassHealth for Care Never Provided to Nursing Home Residents
- Saint Vincent Hospital to reopen outpatient services closed during nurses strike
- More than 26,000 people petition against Tufts Children's Hospital closure
- MGH study links depression and susceptibility to COVID vaccine misinformation
- Patients in mental distress spend days stuck in Mass. ERs, waiting for inpatient care
- New COVID cases in Mass. now averaging about 44% less than two weeks ago; Hospitalizations decrease for 8 straight days
- Local National Guard members help burdened staff at Brockton Hospital during omicron surge
- Mass. nurses' union calls on Baker to declare a state of emergency over 'overrun' healthcare facilities
- Massachusetts Nurses' Union Wants Baker's Help To Address 'Overwhelmed And Burned Out' Workers

MICHIGAN

- $10M donor gift to Michigan Medicine renames critical care institute
- Hospitals in southeast Michigan, hit hardest by omicron, begin to see some hopeful signs
- Is the coronavirus plateauing in Michigan? Maybe, but hospitals are still feeling the strain

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- Feds sending sixth military medical team to Michigan to help treat patients at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing
- Michigan public health officials reporting Omicron surge at or near peak levels
- Michigan will end COVID recovery data reporting: Here's why
- Henry Ford, MSU look to break ground on research institute

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- Hospital-at-home strategies freed up 3,300 beds, Mayo Clinic says
- Minnesota COVID-19 patient dies in Texas after court rules to continue life support
- Mayo Clinic addresses employees' disappointment over 2% raise with multiplier
- Vaccine mandate to kick in for first wave of health workers in MN, other states
- UnitedHealth Group poised to develop in-home plans, care
- Kris Ehresmann, health official leading Minnesota Covid-19 fight, will retire
- US nearing omicron peak, Mayo Clinic model shows
- Omicron variant hitting Minnesota long-term care homes
- Nursing home workers face federal vaccination deadline Thursday
- Minnesota to pay $275 per hour, or more, for nurses to battle COVID-19 omicron variant surge
- Minnesota COVID patient, transferred to Texas after judge prohibited doctors from taking him off ventilator, dies

MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi Pharmacist Gets 5 Years for $180M Health Fraud
- Mississippi health care workers share issues they want lawmakers to prioritiz
- Medical marijuana bill headed to Mississippi GOP governor
- Mississippi working on plans for pandemic relief money
- Tupelo hospital system under great deal of stress
- Mississippi joint venture ASC marks 20 years of success
- UnitedHealthcare Invests $550,000 in the Mississippi Public Health Institute to Improve Maternal Health Equity and Outcomes

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- Federal medical team heading to St. Louis to assist hospitals amid COVID-19 surge
- Feds to send emergency workers to just one of 11 St. Louis-area hospitals
- 'I've never seen anything like it': St. Louis region faces dire blood shortage
- Ascension appoints first senior vice president of consumer experience
- GS Labs hits BCBS of Kansas City with counterclaims, alleges antitrust, defamation violations
- CoxHealth CEO Steve Edwards' leadership approach: 'Distort nothing'

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- Kansas City Chiefs honor Buffalo Bills, donate more than $206K to children's hospital
- Patient, beware: Kansas and Missouri still pushing ineffective COVID antibody treatments
- Missouri hospitals can't find enough nurses to handle the record number of COVID patients
- 8 hospitals seeking CEOs
- With a vaccine mandate looming, Missouri nursing homes face more staffing problems
- Missouri ranks last for vaccinations of nursing home workers
- Missouri health department investigating Legionnaires' disease cases potentially linked to Rolla hospital
- Crush of COVID cases force Missouri hospitals to scramble for staffing
- Missouri health department asks non-urgent patients to avoid ERs during COVID-19 surge
- The doctor didn't show up, but the hospital ER still billed $1,012
- Missouri among states still pushing ineffective COVID antibody treatments
- COVID rates retreat in urban St. Louis, but surge persists in rural Missouri

MONTANA

- New report highlights concerns at Montana State Hospital
- Montana's behavioral health providers are eyeing an overhaul
- Bitterroot Health breaks ground at new location
- Kalispell hospital gets $8 million for EMS equipment and training
- Blood shortage impacting Montana's rural hospitals
- Omicron amplifies hospital staffing shortages, contact tracing challenges

NEBRASKA

- CHI Health names Kuiper its new CEO of Midwest Division
- Nebraska Health Leaders Announce New Facilities With Skilled Nursing Beds
- Nebraska adds nearly 100 nursing home beds to help hospitals
- As omicron wave appears to crest, Nebraska hospitals still face weeks of struggle
- Nebraska nursing homes in 'dire' status
- 'Stealth omicron' variant confirmed in Douglas County
- Preventing further 'continuum of crisis' at Nebraska Medicine
- DHHS announces free at-home COVID testing for Nebraska residents
- New York couple accused of Nebraska nursing homes fraud
- New program to help free up Nebraska hospital beds
- State declines new virus rules despite high hospitalizations

NEVADA

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- Local college of nursing expands as shortage of healthcare workers continues
- Nevada governor calls on nursing students to help overwhelmed hospitals
- Vaccine mandate begins for Nevada health care workers
- Nevada officials call on student nurses as COVID-19 strains area hospitals
- 'Sheer volume' of omicron cases putting strain on Clark County hospitals, NHA reports
- Exploring the importance of resilience in healthcare

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Vaccine mandate to kick in for health workers in Vt., but not NH
- New Hampshire doctors say booster shots appear to protect against hospitalization
- Shaheen Leads NH Delegation in Welcoming $11 Million for New Hampshire's Health Care Providers through the Provider Relief Fund
- Shaheen Visits Valley Regional Hospital to Meet with Health Care Workers & Encourage Vaccinations amid COVID Surge
- Executive Council approves $13M purchase of psychiatric hospital in Hampstead
- Portsmouth Regional, HCA plan $45M mental health hospital in Epping
- CDC director urges New Hampshire residents to get COVID-19 booster shots
- Young nurses' views of N.H. hospitals
- Feds: Nursing home operator failed to pay $29.5M in taxes
- New Hampshire House speaker introduces legislation to ban federal vaccine mandates

NEW JERSEY

- Failed nursing home chain owner, wanted in Arkansas, arrested on federal charges in New Jersey
- Feds: Nursing home operator failed to pay $29.5M in taxes
- New Jersey requires boosters for healthcare staff
- Nursing home operators in N.J. will face tougher scrutiny under law signed by Murphy
- Owner of nursing home empire based in N.J. failed to pay $29M in taxes, feds say
- Virtua Health launches its 'hospital at home' program earlier than planned
- New Jersey hospital wants to convert former Sears building to ASC
- CMO leaves New Jersey hospital after probe into managerial concerns

NEW MEXICO

- U.S. military team to assist Navajo Nation hospital in Shiprock
- New Mexico anticipates COVID-19 omicron wave will peak soon, hopefully relieving state's hospitals
- Staffing shortages, overcrowding plagues rural New Mexico hospitals amid COVID-19 pandemic
- More nursing home residents receiving COVID-19 booster

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- New Mexico's 7-day COVID positivity rate nears 30 percent
- NMDOH wants to address staffing shortage with extra funds
- Military medical team assisting UNM Hospital amid COVID surge

NEW YORK

- NewYork-Presbyterian CXO Rick Evans: The national outlook for patient experience in 2022
- Nursing home families blast Hochul for excluding victims fund in state budget
- Oscar Health introduces tool letting patients compare costs between ASCs, hospitals
- Sen. Schumer calls for FEMA to help with Rochester health care staffing shortages
- Person shot in New York hospital waiting room
- New York health system CEO, 44, dies
- New York mask mandate is unconstitutional, judge rules
- NYU Langone brings goals of care data into EHR workflow
- New York lawsuit seeks to allow people to receive free legal advice over medical debt
- Mount Sinai never let up on AI innovation, says Dr. David Reich
- Chaotic video captures shooting at NYC hospital that left victim injured, ER in lockdown
- In COVID-weary New York, the National Guard is getting medical training to help in nursing homes
- Kansas City Chiefs honor Buffalo Bills, donate more than $206K to children's hospital
- Catholic Health's Kenmore Mercy service, plant workers agree to new contracts
- Venture capital firm launches $75M telehealth-focused fund
- Huntington Hospital opens caregiver center
- Compared with the last few weeks, New York’s COVID numbers look good
- Northwell Cardiothoracic Programs Recognized for Top Performance by Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- New York to send more National Guard members to nursing homes

NORTH CAROLINA

- Atrium Health requests federal support to alleviate COVID-19 hospital capacity constraints
- Capacity strain at Charlotte hospitals prompts NCDHHS to call for federal aid
- Cooper pivoting away from mandates as pandemic stresses hospital systems
- Man charged with attempted murder of Novant Health hospital employees
- North, South Carolina hospitals race to complete capital projects
- Piedmont Medical exec chosen as CEO of new Fort Mill hospital
- Travel nurses helping at Triad hospitals due to staff shortages

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- North Carolina hospitals billing patients eligible for charity care
- Patients missed treatment, so hospital offered rides
- COVID-19 vaccine mandate for healthcare workers takes effect Thursday in North Carolina
- COVID-19 hospitalizations in North Carolina hit record high for second day in a row
- NC study finds three financial indicators that could predict the closure of a rural hospital
- North Carolina treasurer's report is critical of how hospitals bill poor patients

NORTH DAKOTA

- North Dakota mayor rips 'contentious' relationship between hospital, clinic
- COVID-19 cases rise in North Dakota as hospitals strain
- Florida ranks near bottom for booster shots in nursing homes. How is N. Dakota getting it done?
- More than 80-Percent of North Dakota long-term care workers are vaccinated
- Active COVID-19 cases in North Dakota remain stable; hospitalizations tick up
- Vaccination rates at long-term care facilities in ND

OHIO

- Errors, deception preceded deadly COVID outbreaks at Ohio nursing homes, inspections show
- Patient data stolen ahead of Memorial Health ransomware attack, EHR downtime
- OhioHealth Makes New Investments in West Columbus
- Ohio Republicans push hospitals to allow in-person visits during pandemics
- Ohio to spend $15 million on addiction, mental health services
- Reinforcements arrive in Ohio hospitals inundated by COVID
- Area hospitals still face high COVID numbers as Ohio trends lower
- Ohio State's Innovation District to Bring Groundbreaking Advances in Health Care
- National Guard to assist at Coshocton Regional Medical Center as COVID-19 cases increase
- COVID-19 hospitalizations at new record after several days of declines; more guard members arrive
- Judge to dismiss 11 murder counts against Ohio doctor
- Ohio Department of Health says schools can discontinue universal contact tracing
- Memorial Health Faces Lawsuit After Hive Ransomware Cyberattack
- Cleveland Clinic served record-setting number of patients in 2021

OKLAHOMA

- Inside Oklahoma's surge of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations among children
- Proposed bill seeks to stop Oklahoma State Department of Health from advertising COVID-19 vaccines

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- Oklahoma health agency modifying COVID-19 testing hours
- Oklahoma health leaders cautiously optimistic about COVID-19 peak timeline
- Oklahoma hits all-time record for COVID-19 hospitalizations
- New allegations surface against Oklahoma nursing home
- More allegations of deplorable nursing home conditions
- Travel nursing industry takes off as local hospitals deal with staffing shortages
- Oklahoma doctors say we have not yet hit peak in COVID cases

OREGON

- Crisis standards activated for southern Idaho health systems, affecting hospitals in eastern Oregon
- Hundreds of patients stuck in Oregon hospital beds, waiting to be discharged
- Oregon ASC expanding value-based services
- Oregon stopped care homes visits, inspections during COVID-19 pandemic
- One in 10 of Oregon’s hospital beds are occupied by patients ready to leave — with nowhere to go
- COVID hospitalizations in children reach pandemic high in Oregon
- Providence Oregon reduces number of hospital visitors
- Children's Mercy executive will leave to be CEO of Oregon hospital

PENNSYLVANIA

- First look: Inside CHOP's new $289M King of Prussia hospital opening this week
- Jefferson Health data breach affects 9,000 patients
- New children's hospital opens in King of Prussia
- Penn State Health becomes part owner in ASC; 17 surgeons keep ownership stake
- Pennsylvania Hospitals Are Hurting Amid COVID Surge
- Pennsylvania fast-tracks $225M in pandemic aid to hospitals
- Pennsylvania rolls out 'strike team' to ease hospital crunch due to COVID-19 surge
- Virtua Health launches its 'hospital at home' program earlier than planned
- Nurses to strike at Pa. hospital, saying they’re ‘pushed to the brink’
- Pennsylvania nursing home staff vaccination rates lag
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Opens New Inpatient Hospital in King of Prussia, PA

RHODE ISLAND

- Governor delays new nursing home staffing requirements
- Stressed hospitals ask workers with COVID to return — even if they may be infectious

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- RI not ready to disclose 'deficiencies' found at Eleanor Slater Hospital
- U.S. military medical team helping RI Hospital weather omicron surge
- Military medical team adds 'significant emotional lift' to staff at Rhode Island Hospital
- Military medical team arrives at RI Hospital to provide much-needed support
- McKee gives nursing homes a break from minimum-staffing law
- COVID trends improving, but still high in Rhode Island
- Standalone psychiatric hospital in Rhode Island could save taxpayer money
- Rhode Island Health Association CEO and state representative comment on moratorium
- Governor McKee signs Executive Order issuing moratorium on nursing home staffing requirements
- RI reports 16 COVID-19 deaths, 2,334 new cases as cities and towns disburse test kits

SOUTH CAROLINA

- New 100-bed hospital looking for registered nurses in South Carolina
- Newly proposed SC legislation would make it a crime to ask about vaccine status
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- Prisma Health gives $1 million for welcome center at Greenville's Unity Park
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- Orthopedic surgeon sues Sanford Health, alleges defamation and interference with patients
- Sanford Health breaks ground on new $60M building
- Sanford physician talks COVID-19 surge
- Active COVID-19 cases in South Dakota reach another high
- Noem focused on hospital capacity, not surging COVID-19 cases
- Skyline Healthcare owner facing federal charges
- Child hospitalizations, Long-COVID concerns rise amid omicron surge in South Dakota
- Sanford Bismarck installs breastfeeding pods in hospital
- Sanford Health chief physician stresses booster value

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- COVID hospitalizations in Tennessee increase 174% over last month
- HCA Healthcare faces suit alleging orthopedic surgery monopoly
- HCA Healthcare to build five new hospitals in Texas
- Tennessee hospitals join call for crackdown on alleged ‘price gouging’ by staffing agencies
- Tennessee orthopedic practice expands with acquisition
- Vanderbilt Transplant Center reports record-breaking year, becomes fifth-largest transplant center in the U.S.
- TN health commissioner says omicron wave starting to plateau
- Tennessee ranks #1 in country for COVID-19 death rate per latest federal report
- LifePoint Health saw an opportunity to create a new company 'early' in its purchase of Louisville-based Kindred Healthcare

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- 7 Texas physicians, hospital CEO to settle kickback allegations for over $1.1M
- Alaska, Texas governors sue over National Guard vaccine rule
- Denton doctor pays $125K in settlement over alleged kickbacks
- HCA saw 14.2% bump in outpatient surgeries, ended 2021 with 125 ASCs
- Texas’ 'maternity deserts' grow as staff shortages close rural labor and delivery units
- Texas physician snares $250K 'Shark Tank' investment for his invention
- The Road Ahead: Houston Methodist CFO reflects on unprecedented times —and health care's big opportunities
- Texas offering hiring bonuses for some healthcare positions
- HCA to build 5 hospitals in Texas
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- Former Dallas Cowboys owner's family donates $7.5M to Children's Health
- State hospitals offering $5,000 hiring bonus to registered nurses
- Texas HHSC offering $5K signing bonuses for registered nurses at State Hospitals & SSLCs
- Houston company to develop 5-layer COVID-19 mask for kids
- Methodist Health to build $200M Texas hospital
- Methodist Health System is building its next hospital in Celina
- Ascension Seton to build $320M women's tower
- Minnesota COVID patient, transferred to Texas after judge prohibited doctors from taking him off ventilator, dies
- Omicron's full burden on children is still unknown, Texas Children's leader says
- 8 hospitals seeking CEOs
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- Utah officials still recommend not to get tested for COVID. Here's why.
- Midvale assisted living home closed over 'imminent health hazard'
- Utah reports nation's 3rd worst COVID rate

VERMONT

- House to vote on hospital gun ban, strengthened background checks
- University of Vermont Health CEO to retire
- Vermont, Utah among several states breaking COVID-19 hospitalization records this week
- Vaccine mandate to kick in for health workers in Vt., but not NH
- Vt. COVID cases trending down
- Vermont National Guard to increase support for hospital staffing amid COVID case surge
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center joins national maternal health efforts
- VDH: COVID cases fall under 500, two more deaths
- Brumsted to retire as chief of UVM Health Network, medical center
- Vermont reports 14 straight days with more than 100 Covid patients in the hospital

VIRGINIA

- Overwhelmed hospitals use 'Safe at Home' program to treat some Fredericksburg-area COVID patients
- Virginia health officials phase out contact tracing efforts because of rapid COVID-19 spread
- Virginia health care workers burnt out from COVID
- Virginia hospital denies unvaccinated patient spot on 'active' kidney transplant list
- Southwest Virginia Health Wagon receives funding for telemedicine services
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- Health leaders say Virginia could reach COVID peak in days
- Virginia Governor Youngkin executive order includes telehealth, flexibility for hospitals

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- 700 percent increase in hospitalizations prompts King County hospitals to plead for help
- 9 Washington hospitals with the top nurse-patient communication scores
- Gov. Inslee defends mandates to Congress: 'No intervention is as important as vaccination'
- Healthcare workers, leaders at odds against safe staffing bill
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- Seattle hospitals at breaking point amid COVID crush of patients
- Washington State Board of Health considers making COVID-19 vaccine a requirement for students
- Washington state sees average of 800-850 new COVID cases among health care staff per day

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- West Virginia National Guard members respond to COVID-19-related hospital staffing shortages
- Nursing home employees not paid overtime sparks US Department of Labor investigation in Princeton, West Virginia
- 4 West Virginia hospitals with the top nurse-patient communication scores
- West Virginia National Guard deployed at CAMC, preparing for more health care work
- Wheeling and Reynolds Hospitals requesting West Virginia National Guard help

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- General Electric sticking to 2023 target for GE Healthcare spin-off, CEO says
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- Steep decline in new Wisconsin COVID-19 cases predicted by Mayo Clinic computer modeling
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