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- Ex-Vanderbilt nurse's trial could set dangerous precedent, ANA warns
- Hospital, long-term care groups again petition Becerra to extend COVID-19 public health emergency
- Hospital margins 'well below sustainable levels': Kaufman Hall
- Justice Department to join whistleblower lawsuit against EHR vendor, CEO
- OCR Announces Four HIPAA Enforcement Actions
- President's budget proposal includes $1.8B for VA EHR project
- Nursing Home Operating Expenses Could Balloon by $500K With Staffing Minimums in Place
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- Parkinson warns of new ‘enormous’ business problem for nursing homes; highlights staffing-minimum alternative

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- Alaska again leads all states in COVID-19 case rate; 559 new cases reported in past 2 days

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- This Phoenix hospital has served millions in the last 50 years. Now it's being replaced
- Arizona extends temporary licenses for healthcare workers
- Governor Ducey Signs Bill Extending Temporary Health Care Professional Licenses

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- Ducey signs bill extending temporary health care worker licenses in Arizona
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- Arizona passes 2 million COVID cases but pace continues to slow
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- How a photo changed the life of a nurse who worked the COVID-19 unit of a Phoenix hospital

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- UAMS Named Top Performer in Healthcare Equality Index
- Arkansas Health Network Saved Members $16.8M in 2020
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- Hive ransomware shuts down California health care organization
- California hospital to bear late politician's name
- San Francisco’s Laguna Honda Hospital faces potential closure after patient overdoses trigger state review
- California nurses begin strike
- California’s employee COVID vaccine mandate bill is shelved
- Fraud plagues California's hospice industry, audit finds
- Nurses, Management At Peninsula Hospital At Odds Ahead Of Strike

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- Colorado ASC, pain clinic to close amid staff shortages
- Colorado hospital names CEO with acquisition pending
- 'Doxxing' of healthcare workers banned in Colorado
- Hospital merger raises questions of future care, costs
- Longmont United Hospital nurses union to move forward, nine months after vote
- Regional mental health centers are alarmed by Colorado's 232-page plan to shake up the system

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- 1 in 5 eligible Colorado hospitals penalized for infections, other harm
- Colorado Canyons Family Health rebrands to Family Health
- Colorado COVID-19 hospitalizations below 100, an all-time low
- Longmont United Hospital becomes first private Colorado hospital with nurses' union
- Colorado Health Foundation Names New CIO
- What's next for Colorado hospitals, health care with staffing as COVID-19 pandemic ebbs?
- Colorado Transitioning From Mass Vaccination Sites To Traditional Health Care Settings
- House advances bill to strengthen Colorado mental health services
- After tearful debate, Colorado lawmakers give unlikely approval to GOP measure on patient visitation
- Colorado Senate OKs extending public health whistleblower protections after pandemic
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- New mental health commissioner to focus on 'front-door' access to care

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- Connecticut spine surgeon marks 100th robot-assisted spine surgery
- 'Decades of Issues': CT Lawmakers Hear Calls to Improve State Psychiatric Hospital
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- 'We will see some sort of surge' Connecticut DPH Commissioner says, as state prepares for spread of BA.2 variant
- Hartford HealthCare Designated LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leader
- Ambulance Company Pays Over $600K to Settle Allegations it Submitted Improper Claims
- Lawmakers not giving up on bill to expand Medicaid to undocumented kids
- HHC opening talent development center in Hartford's Gold Building

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- D.C. community clinic to open new birthing center in city's underserved Northeast end
- $650M Replacement Facility On Horizon For Howard University
- With a mix of eagerness and trepidation, the region returns to not-quite-normal
- D.C. neurotech company raises $14M to help catch Alzheimer's sooner

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- ChristianaCare acquires pair of Pa. primary care offices
- Bayhealth grows palliative care offices

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- Univ. of Delaware Gives Nursing Students Real-World Training
- University of Delaware students are putting in time at Bayhealth Medical
- Benefits of telehealth continue in Delaware, even as pandemic restrictions ease
- Bayhealth Matches with Medical Residents

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- 10 physicians, healthcare CEO to pay $1.68M to settle kickback claims
- Broward's public hospital systems plan to work together in unprecedented way
- Police fatally shoot man in Cleveland Clinic Florida ER
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital to break ground on new behavioral health pavilion
- Florida's first women's psychiatric hospital to open in Tampa
- CVS Health reaches $484 mln opioid settlement with Florida
- Dog that knows 40 commands gets job at Florida children's hospital
- Centene hit with $9M fine in Florida
- Florida therapists could be out of a job if they don't meet new licensing deadline
- Weekly COVID-19 cases rising in Florida, Palm Beach County for the first time since January
- HCA Citrus Hospital wins patient safety award
- 4 CEOs vie for new job at Florida health system
- One of Brevard's only mental health crisis units about to close amid care shortage

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- Bill in Legislature would protect health workers from dangerous 'surgical smoke'
- Georgia House says no to COVID vaccine mandates
- Healthcare staffing shortage remains critical
- State mental health bill gets approval of senate committee, sparks controversy
- Georgia mental health bill passes unanimously through state Legislature, heads to Kemp's desk
- State hits Anthem with whopping fine for insurance violations
- Despite malpractice lawsuits, Gainesville hospital stands behind star surgeon
- Georgia hospitals are relying on travel nurses to survive. But they can't afford it forever

**HAWAII**

- Hawaii Pacific Health to close all COVID-19 vaccination, testing sites
- Presence of omicron subvariant BA.2 growing in Hawaii
- Hawaii facilities get $1M in COVID-19 funding

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- Maui's Private Hospital System Is In Need Of More State Aid
- Health Worker Shortage Forces States to Scramble

**IDAHO**

- Idaho COVID surge drove patient transfers, strained out-of-state hospitals, new data shows
- Plans for Idaho ASC clear first hurdle
- Health care provider sues over Idaho's strict abortion ban
- Idaho health leaders reflect on the early days of COVID in the Gem State
- Idaho Legislature passes a bill that seeks to protect the unvaccinated
- Idaho to receive maximum opioid settlement funds

**ILLINOIS**

- Advocate Masonic hospital planning sweeping, $645 million construction, modernization project
- Blessing Health System launches 'hospital-at-home' for rural patients
- Illinois lawmakers could pass plan to diversify health care workforce
- Nurses at Illinois hospital say payroll woes persist months after data breach
- Nursing home to challenge $25,000 fine after resident found on interstate
- Illinois Health System to Offer Hospital-at-Home Care
- In Illinois, Pandemic Funding Is Running Out for Community Health Workers
- Illinois coronavirus: Cases up in city, but still 'in good control'
- Ambulance Association says it paid costs health organizations should've covered

**INDIANA**

- A lawsuit accuses 3 Indiana senior living properties of violating the Fair Housing Act
- Court sides with HHS in Indiana hospitals' challenge to Medicare payment calculation
- Financial challenges plague rural hospitals, including in Indiana
- Healthcare Staffing Challenge Hits Alzheimer's
- Indiana court rules injured patient can sue physician group
- Indiana hospitals sharing plan with state leaders to fix sky high profit practices April 1
- Indiana public health issues go under the microscope
- Indiana senator will help set national policy on biotechnology
- IU Health Updates New Indy Hospital Project
- St. Catherine Hospital Opens Remodeled Unit
- Indiana Hospital Association Names Board Chair

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- Indiana needs to add 16,350 home health aides by '28, report says

**IOWA**

- Eastern Iowa behavioral health provider opens Dubuque location
- UnityPoint Health names nursing chief
- Iowa nurses sanctioned for sex with patients, meth use and other violations
- Nursing home cited for poor care allegedly owes half a million dollars to vendors
- COVID-19 numbers are declining in Iowa
- UnityPoint Health-Des Moines hospitals named LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality Leaders
- For the first time in two years, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City hospitals see empty COVID wards
- U of Iowa healthcare workers owed damages for delayed pay, federal court rules

**KANSAS**

- CMS: Kansas in Danger of Losing Funding if State Surveyors Don’t Enforce Vaccine Mandate
- Kansas losing $350,000 for not enforcing healthcare worker vaccine mandate
- Kansas won't enforce vaccine rule for nursing home workers
- Unvetted legislation would ban Kansas hospitals from discriminating on COVID vaccination status
- Noble Health awaits study results before buying Fort Scott hospital
- Noble Health presents key findings of Hospital feasibility study
- List analysis: Physical therapy facilities work on best path forward following Covid-19's impact
- Co-Immunity takes WBJ 2022 Inno Madness crown
- Inno Madness profile: Co-Immunity

**KENTUCKY**

- Cincinnati Children’s Heart Institute – Louisville moving from Downtown to St. Matthews
- Hundreds laid off at McKesson facility as Covid vaccine demand wanes
- UofL Health announces $144 million expansion at UofL Hospital
- UofL Health's plan for expansion in Downtown Louisville
- UofL Health reveals $144M Downtown tower plan
- Kentucky hospital breach exposed PHI
- Pharmacy benefit managers: Kentucky bill to curb prescription drug middlemen bogs down
- SKY Rehab expansion means better care for brain injuries
- New KY 3RNET Consortium to connect health care professionals, employers

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**LOUISIANA**

- Louisiana physician pleads guilty to $650K kickback scheme
- UnitedHealth to buy home-health firm LHC Group
- UnitedHealth's Optum to buy LHC Group for $5.4 billion
- Former OLOL CEO Scott Wester a finalist for out-of-state job; see where he could land
- Ochsner and Andrews form powerful new ortho partnership
- Leading Pregnancy App Babyscripts and New Orleans-based LCMC Health Celebrate One Year of Partnership

**MAINE**

- Maine hospital systems expect current vaccine clinics will meet the demand for second boosters
- Northern Light Health donates $100,000 to BigRock Mountain chairlift capital campaign
- Central Maine college-hospital partnership paving the way for higher-paying professional jobs
- COVID-19 hospitalizations hold steady as Maine reports 454 cases from weekend
- $1 million funding will help UMaine System acquire a mobile nursing vehicle
- Public health nurses far understaffed as hiring drive stalls, needs remain high
- Maine Senate unanimously backs bill to invest in nursing education programs

**MARYLAND**

- $250,000 gift lands Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove new tool in earlier breast cancer diagnosis
- Anne Arundel Medical Center Ranked Among Best Hospitals In U.S.
- Transgender health care bill clears Maryland House committee
- MedStar nears delivery of new behavioral health unit at Pr. George’s hospital, amid other big changes at the facility
- Maryland’s cancer moonshot will have huge impact in Prince George’s County
- Data exchange is moving Maryland behavioral health providers forward
- Paid family and medical leave program passes in Maryland

**MASSACHUSETTS**

- COO from Tufts-affiliated hospital named president of UH Cleveland Medical Center
- Corner Office: Boston Medical Center CEO Kate Walsh takes a page out of Maya Angelou's book
- Google, Boston Children's + others join $105M funding round for children's mental health platform
- Nurses at Beverly Hospital, Addison Gilbert threaten 3-day strike
- Valley CDC buys former Northampton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for $25M affordable housing project
- Mass General Brigham looks to expand network; community providers in Massachusetts opposed
- Worcester County's COVID cases up 5.5%; Massachusetts cases surge 18.5%

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- ‘This is fundamentally unfair’: Officials, veterans warn against closing Massachusetts VA hospital
- Interim hospital CEO named Red Cross “Nursing Hero”
- Helios Healthcare Advisors Structures 63-Bed SNF Sale; Ohio SNF Sells For $83K Per Bed
- Natick cancer firm appoints chief medical officer
- UMass Chan ranks among top medical schools nationwide
- CPR legislation in Massachusetts seeks to improve cardiac arrest survival rates
- Worcester home healthcare firm to pay $6.5M over MassHealth fraud
- Worcester nonprofit receives $975K for telehealth in communities of color
- Nurse chat support company announces $2.3M seed funding round
- Software company updates platform to improve medical records for trans patients
- Out-of-pocket pregnancy care spending outpaces total costs, state report finds

**MICHIGAN**

- Exhausted and abused, Michigan nurses are searching for new jobs, or reasons to stay
- Holland Hospital leaders take on new roles as health care partnerships deepen
- Hospital and CMH leaders discuss continued workforce struggles with the legislature
- No-fault auto reform creates $65 million payment cut for hospital system
- UNC Health taps Beaumont leader as statewide region president
- Michigan health system explores joining Trinity Health
- Michigan health department to change how it reports COVID-19 data
- 3 large counties see 20% increase in cases
- Aspirus Health Plans $15.8M Replacement Hospital In Michigan
- Michigan Legislature Votes to Speed Health Care Approvals
- Excavation, Utility Work Complete On New $920M Hospital at University of Michigan
- ‘We weren’t a healthy population coming into this;’ How COVID shed light on Michigan’s weight problem
- University of Michigan nurses open contract talks

**MINNESOTA**

- Mayo Clinic, Google will use AI to better analyze, act on EHR information
- UnitedHealth's Optum to buy LHC Group for $5.4 billion
- UnitedHealth Group's Optum to buy LHC group to expand home healthcare presence
- UnitedHealth to buy home health business LHC for $5.4B
- 'This bill means hope': Minnesota Gov. Walz signs $25M bill for ALS research, caregiver support

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- Minnesota switching to rapid-result tests for at-home COVID diagnosis
- Children's Minnesota named a Leader in LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality
- Rural hospital administrators' beliefs on offering obstetric care
- Med-tech startup 4C Medical raises $35M, names new CEO
- Social health care startup Reema Health raises $8 million
- Allina | Aetna names Robert Wieland its new CEO
- Why nearly 750 Minnesota nurses left bedside care positions

**MISSISSIPPI**

- UMMC wants more pay in contract negotiations with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi
- U of Mississippi seeks OK to build $64M campus with ASC
- Coronavirus cases at two-year low in Mississippi
- Medical marijuana now legal in Mississippi, but you can't buy it just yet

**MISSOURI**

- Cardiologist sues Epic over copyright dispute
- Missouri hospitals suspend services to restructure amid IT, cash flow problems
- CoxHealth names next CEO
- Gov. Mike Parson declares COVID-19 crisis in Missouri is over
- Ascension names new chief mission officer
- 5 recent hospital, health system CEO moves
- St. Luke's Kansas City location celebrates lack of COVID-19 patients in intensive care
- Noble Health suspends all services at Audrain and Callaway hospitals
- KC Inno Madness: Only the two finalists remain in the 32-company bracket
- Mercy's new CEO takes helm of 30-hospital system
- Ascension names executive vice president of nursing
- Local lab will offer new blood test that measures Covid-19 organ damage

**MONTANA**

- Lawmaker, advocate offer sharp criticism of Montana State Hospital
- Violent assault at Montana State Hospital sparks new investigation
- Montana Named Fourth Best State for Doctors
- COVID numbers continue to drop across Montana
- Billings Clinic moves to become Montana's first Level 1 Trauma Center

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- Montana health department launches collaboration with faith, community organizations

**NEBRASKA**

- Long-term care facilities go to Washington D.C. to outline needed assistance
- Methodist Health System and AKASA partnered to automate the revenue cycle
- UNMC, Nebraska Medicine economic impact tops $5.9 billion
- Hundreds of Nebraskans Couldn't Get Medical Care During Latest COVID Surge
- Local Nursing Home Provider Advocates For Elder Care in D.C.
- Tension, Stress and Burnout: Nursing Center Workers Still Recovering from Morale-busting COVID Wave
- Summer Gonzalez of Alliance among hospital leaders graduating from QI Residency Program

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- Nevada is 2nd-most stressed state in US, study finds
- Northern Nevada Sierra Medical Center eyes Monday opening
- Nevada Hits 10,000-Death Threshold in Coronavirus Pandemic
- Every Nevada county in ‘low’ COVID community transmission level, CDC says
- Renown says it will immediately hire anesthesiologists April 1 after they resign from national company
- Solutions for Nevada’s long-standing nursing shortage prove elusive
- The urgent care aftermath of COVID-19
- Carson Valley Medical Center Hospital Foundation Names 2022 Board of Trustees

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

- New Hampshire health providers to get $3.2M in federal funds
- Lawmakers see risk of losing $160 million in federal funding over vaccine mandate exemption
- Names to Know: Meet Benchmark at Rye’s new Executive Director
- Waiting lists for mental health services continue to grow in New Hampshire
- New Hampshire's state-run vaccination sites permanently closing
- Department of Health changes COVID reporting metrics, may understate impact on hospitals
- Community college launches first North Country licensed practical nursing program amid staffing shortages
- 2 more die of COVID-19 in New Hampshire as cases fall

**NEW JERSEY**

- Englewood Health taps new CIO
- Health System Hackensack Meridian Sells Majority of LTC Portfolio to Complete Care

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- Lawsuits show vulnerability of residents at N.J. nursing home when COVID struck
- Federal Appeals Court Blocks New Jersey Hospital Merger
- Revamped New Jersey Medical School Ready for Examination
- The BA.2 subvariant is now dominant in the U.S., and cases are already starting to inch back up in New Jersey
- Atlantic Health System Medical Centers and Partner Named Top Hospitals in New Jersey
- How Elevate Home Health Group Is Leveraging SNF Relationships to Gain Referrals
- Carteret Hires RWJBarnabas for Daytime EMS Coverage

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- 5 recent hospital, health system CEO moves
- New Mexico COVID-19 update: 21 new deaths, 84 hospitalizations, 143 cases
- BeWellnm CEO Jeffery Bustamante announces resignation during board meeting
- NM health exchange CEO steps down
- Experts: New Mexico's health care workforce problem is here to stay

**NEW YORK**

- Local hospitals get share of FEMA funds
- The state of orthopedics in New York: 4 things to know
- University of Rochester unveils plans for $227M orthopedics center: 5 details
- Black patients less likely to be satisfied after knee, hip replacement: HSS study
- New York hospital needs $159M lifeline, workers say
- Memorial Hermann Health hires first chief equity, diversity and inclusion officer
- Staffing requirements could cost NY facilities $325 million more
- Ciox Health data breach exposed PHI of 1,300 Catholic Health patients
- Montefiore Orthopedics breaks ground on 60,000-square-foot Center of Excellence
- New York Community Hospital renamed to reflect new affiliation
- Saratoga Hospital names new director of marketing
- Albert Einstein Cancer Center appoints 3 leaders
- Catholic Health names chief digital information officer
- New York hospital closing inpatient birthing unit
- Collaborative crisis center to open medical campus site
- New York appeals court upholds $1.2M verdict against eye surgeon
- New York surgery center partners with EmblemHealth to streamline patient experience

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- Projects start to fill Capital Region health care construction pipeline for 2022
- CDPHP hires new C-suite executive to lead company growth

**NORTH CAROLINA**

- After acquisitions, Cary firm partners with Amazon to improve clinical trials
- Asheville hospital fined by the state for failing to report an employee's COVID-19 death, other violations
- Chapel Hill startup focusing on healthcare analytics, raises $2.5M, to expand
- NC certificate of need health care law faces legal challenge
- Novant Health launches business to accelerate health tech
- Trillium Health Resources to launch mobile integrated care clinics Wednesday
- UNC Health taps Beaumont leader as statewide region president
- Rural hospital closures cluster in poor, diverse counties
- How Many Doctors Have Left Mission? HCA Won't Say
- Mom in labor says she was turned away from NC hospital. 'My baby deserved better'
- North Carolina ranks among safest states for COVID-19
- Novant Health spins off new biz division to drive innovation
- Hot debate in NC health care on freeing advanced practice nurses from doctors' supervision
- Charlotte's Cardinal Innovations Healthcare and ousted CEO reach $500,000 settlement
- Rural healthcare providers feel the pain of North Carolina's "Medicaid gap"

**NORTH DAKOTA**

- COVID-19 cases fall in North Dakota over past week; vaccination rates stagnant
- Trinity invites public to scavenger hunt to celebrate anniversary
- 'North Dakota's having a problem that's worse than it was 10 years ago': CEO of behavioral health organization says

**OHIO**

- Cleveland Clinic opens 184-bed London hospital
- Ohio health system lowers hiring age to 16 to fill workforce gaps
- East Ohio Regional Hospital expands services to St. Clairsville
- Ohio health system lowers hiring age to 16 to fill workforce gaps
- Cardinal Health expands medical distribution footprint in Ohio
- New plan for former Lakewood Hospital site includes 200+ apartments, new HQ for health insurance company
- Mental health experts applaud Ohio Gov. DeWine's attention to growing crisis
- New 988 number to help in suicide prevention and mental health

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- Mercy Health-Cincinnati president to exit
- UC Health celebrates construction milestone on record $221M project
- Mercy plans to expand regional campus with medical, retail development
- Meet Poppins Health: A Columbus insuretech rebranded to reflect core values
- Mount Carmel to open first urgent care under joint venture with Premier Health

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- Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Cyberattack Causes Pharmacy Disruptions
- Integris names COO
- Oklahoma orthopedic practice opens new location
- Vacant Oklahoma City nursing home catches fire
- Omicron Sub-Variant Makes Up Half Of All New Oklahoma COVID Cases
- Bills re-create health care power of attorney law ‘inadvertently deleted’ last year
- St. Mary’s starts project to improve communicating with pregnant patients
- Washington County reports 8 new COVID cases; Oklahoma cases plummet 39.2%
- State data underreports COVID-19 nursing home deaths

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- Oregon’s COVID emergency declaration to end April 1 while Washington’s lingers
- Oregon Health Authority forgoing daily COVID media releases in April
- What Oregon’s Death with Dignity settlement means for terminally ill patients from out of state
- Oregon to pay $22.5M to settle Medicaid contractor dispute
- Oregon's private insurers spent millions more than Medicare for same hospital services
- Physician-assisted death in Oregon is no longer limited to just state residents
- Nurses claim a lack of enforcement is undermining Oregon's staffing law

**PENNSYLVANIA**

- Capital Health expects to open Bucks County 'micro-hospital' in early 2024
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia launches cancer immunotherapy center
- Highmark Health confirms data breach affecting up to 67,000 people
- Philadelphia psychiatrist agrees to $3M settlement to resolve false claim allegations
- UPMC begins payments to 66,000 employees affected by 2014 data breach
- Why COVID hit this Pennsylvania county worse than almost any other in the U.S.
- Doylestown Hospital Among Best In Pennsylvania: Newsweek Report

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- Pa. Hospitals Recognized for Innovative COVID Response
- Hospital converting Pennsylvania ASC to surgical hospital
- Capital Health to open hospital next to Oxford Valley Mall
- Here's how much hospitals are getting from state workforce funds
- Pennsylvania health system gets green light for outpatient complex

**RHODE ISLAND**

- 2 minutes — and traffic — may have cost Tufts Health $400M
- Former nurses raise concerns over conditions at East Providence nursing home
- 39% in RI have first COVID vaccine booster as second is OK'd for some
- Brown med school students elevate health care for Rhode Island's underserved and underinsured
- Shallcross Smith bill would create behavioral health crisis services system
- WalletHub: R.I. 4th-safest state in U.S. for COVID-19
- High turnover limiting R.I. developmental disability support services
- Providence seeks proposals to expand behavioral health crisis response program

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

- State inspectors visit Roper Hospital in Charleston amid accreditation concern
- South Carolina lawmakers considering repeal of Certificate of Need for new or expanding health care facilities
- South Carolina parents vaccinating boys at lower rates than girls
- SC Dept. of Health and Human Services extends Medicaid coverage for new, expecting mothers

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

- Sanford Health adds GED assistance program
- In South Dakota, COVID-19 hospitalizations near 8-month low
- Helmsley Behavioral Health Center Opens in South Dakota
- Southeast Tech expanding health care programs with new facility
- COVID-19 is in a lull, but local health department expects another wave

**TENNESSEE**

- Former nurse guilty of homicide in medication error death
- Ex-Vanderbilt nurse's trial could set dangerous precedent, ANA warns
- In nurse's trial, witness says hospital bears 'heavy' responsibility for patient death
- Saint Thomas Midtown adds women's care emergency department

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- Tennessee sets aside $230M in stimulus money for hospitals and nursing homes
- Tennessee bill to address infant, maternal mortality

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- Memorial Hermann partners with hybrid care startup to increase access to care
- Physician gets 12 years in prison, to pay $376K after conspiracy conviction
- Houston physician guilty of unlawfully prescribing $1.75M in opioids
- MD Anderson launches immunotherapy research institute
- Tenet CEO's compensation jumps to $21M
- Pediatric health clinic Brave Care expands to Austin
- Grueling conditions have fueled a Texas nursing shortage 2 years into the pandemic
- Houston’s largest health care system hires first chief equity, diversity and inclusion officer
- Billions in halted payments to Texas hospitals restored
- Price Transparency: How Do Baylor, Methodist, Medical City, and Texas Health Stack Up?
- Doctors and families petition to keep Texas’ only gender clinic for trans youth open
- Health providers are suspending gender-affirming care for teens in response to GOP efforts
- Texas hospital opens new outpatient surgery center
- Feds restore billions in halted payments to Texas hospitals, but the fight over uninsured care continues

**UTAH**

- University of Utah Health nurses call for big pay raise, more help
- Utah man accused of threatening Salt Lake City VA Hospital
- Threats against employees prompt Utah VA clinic closure
- Utah moves forward in 'steady state response' to COVID-19
- Navy medical team wraps up mission at University of Utah Hospital
- University of Utah Health hospitals awarded 'LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Leader' designation
- Utah hospitals look to higher ed institutions to graduate more health care workers
- ‘Natural immunity’ now satisfies employer vaccine mandates in Utah
- Wisconsin, Utah governors sign bills penalizing violence, threats against healthcare workers

**VERMONT**

- Essential reforms on the way for nursing homes
- Citing pandemic and inflation, largest hospital operator in Vermont pleads for higher charges

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- Senate to hear House bill that would stimulate Vermont's workforce development efforts
- Vermont's richest hospitals are seeking higher charges. The state's poorest hospitals are doing without.
- 'Huge relief' as Vermont's largest health care provider and national insurance company reach a tentative deal
- Smaller Vermont hospitals forgo requests for service rate hikes
- SVMC launches Interventional Pain and Treatment Center
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center prepares to open alternative entrance
- Alice Hyde Medical Center closing maternity unit
- Health insurance giant now says 5,000 Vermonters' coverage at risk in contract dispute

**VIRGINIA**

- VCU Health names first COO
- COVID hospital numbers continue to decline in Virginia
- Virginia Rolls Back COVID-19 Standard and Issues Guidance
- 'We have so many questions:' Virginia lawmakers fight for more research on long-COVID
- Messy data systems delayed Virginia's COVID response. Kaine's bill could help combat the gap in future crises
- Virginia's new behavioral health director orders strategic plan for struggling state agency
- New report highlights increased need for mental health services in Northern Virginia

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- Oregon's COVID emergency declaration to end April 1 while Washington's lingers
- Price of Recovery: Nurses for Hire
- Providence hospital aims to solve a staffing crisis with 'earn while you learn' program
- Residents mostly oppose behavioral health facility in Stanwood
- How big changes at WA's Western State Hospital fit into Gov. Inslee's plan to 're-imagine' mental health
- Washington Health System celebrates first day of zero COVID cases since last summer
- Washington hospital may change name of 'maternity center' to be more gender inclusive

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- Here is how West Virginia is combating rising numbers of prediabetes
- West Virginia reaches $26M settlement with opioid maker Endo

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