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- 10 procedures CMS proposes moving off the inpatient-only list in 2023
- CMS pitches outpatient payment rule
- CMS proposes 2.7% update to ASC pay rate in 2023: 6 things to know
- CMS releases Medicare OPPS and ASC proposed rule
- Amazon to buy primary health-care provider One Medical for roughly $3.9 billion
- Covid-19 public health emergency extended in the US
- Healthcare Merger and Acquisition Activity Generates $19B in Q2 2022
- Private practices rethink approach amid changing pay models
- HHS orders additional 2.5 million doses of monkeypox vaccine
- Supreme Court clarifies liability standard for physicians prescribing controlled substances
- Telemedicine exec among 36 charged in $1.2B cancer, cardio lab fraud
- BA.2.75 detected in at least 7 states
- Dobbs decision 'opened the door for complete and utter chaos,' physicians and legal experts tell Congress
- Legal confusion post-Roe is threatening maternal health, physicians say
- Health systems eye perks of M&A post-COVID shock

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- Cases of monkeypox have doubled in Alabama, but vaccine is on the way
- 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline number brings additional access to mental health help in Alabama
- Omicron variant fueling uptick in Alabama COVID-19 hospitalizations
- Advocates concerned about Alabama’s telemedicine law
- Bicycle Health flies staff into Alabama to save hundreds of its patients from losing access to care under new law
- Five leading children’s hospitals secure $29M in federal funding to enhance future pandemic readiness

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- Alaskans can now dial 988 to reach mental health crisis hotline
- 5 Things Alaska: HIE RFP, Q&A w/ John Weaver, Health disparities
- Hospital holds 2nd CEO candidate meet and greet: Dennis Welsh talks the future of Juneau’s health care community
- Missouri hospital CEO resigns for Alaska job

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- Tracking COVID in Alaska: State reports uptick in hospitalizations and cases over past week

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- 96-bed skilled nursing facility opens in Phoenix
- Healthcare Trust of America shareholders approve merger with Nashville-based medical landlord
- Northern Arizona Healthcare plans new hospital and expanded “wellness village”
- Arizona ranked worst state to live in the country
- 10 Arizona county COVID-19 community levels increase to “high” CDC classification
- Director says multiple Arizona nursing homes had around 300 complaints
- Lawsuit: AZ State Hospital illegally secluded patient for 600 days
- 3 spine surgeons sign professional services contract with Banner Health

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- Mercy to invest $500M to further expansion in Arkansas
- Mercy Hospital Northwest Arkansas says expansion to bring cancer center, thousands of new jobs
- Arkansas Children’s Hospital conducts Community Health Needs Assessments
- Arkansas health system using AI to help patients in labor
- Arkansas medical school receives $738K to purchase digital health equipment for rural areas

CALIFORNIA

- California hospital authority sued, accused of trying to shield ASC from oversight
- Kaiser Permanente Announces iPad Containing Personal Health Records Stolen
- Long Beach Memorial avoids losing Medicare funding after serious patient care lapses
- Pain specialist pays $271K to settle pharma kickback case
- Palomar Health to build 120-bed behavioral health hospital in Escondido
- Providence streamlines exec team as part of new operating model
- Strike begins at Dignity Health California hospital
- California health officials request for more monkeypox vaccines
- Calif. woman allegedly posed as nurse, tried to kidnap baby
- Dial 988: California’s mental health crisis hotline debuts
- Siljander named CHMC’s chief medical officer
- How California is building the nation's largest healthcare data exchange
- Pressure Rises on Soon-Shiong to Reopen St. Vincent Medical Center
- California bill would exempt some physicians from prior authorization

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- John Muir Health names Mike Thomas CEO
- San Diego hospital accused of 'patient dumping'

COLORADO

- Colorado ends vax mandate for health care workers
- Data breach at debt collector affects almost 2M healthcare patients
- Denver health care company scraps plan for IPO
- Everside Health cancels $100M IPO
- Health First Colorado releases analysis of emergency department utilization
- Northern Colorado gets its first Level I trauma center
- Colorado names new head of Office of Behavioral Health
- Colorado ends vaccination mandate for healthcare workers, federal requirement still applies to most
- New Colorado agency to address mental health care worker pipeline

CONNECTICUT

- Ophthalmologist guilty in $3M brain scan scheme
- Children's Hospital Addresses Mental Health Crisis
- Insurance Department agrees to move rate hike hearing but won’t change format
- ESI Closes on 280-Bed SNF Sale; Blueprint Secures Deal for Connecticut Nursing Home
- The Journey from Nursing to COO of John Dempsey Hospital
- Lamont: Changing federal health guidelines hindered CT in pandemic
- 1 Hospital In Connecticut Among America's Best: Money
- Flipping the Script on Healthcare Disparities
- ‘Politics got in the way of public health’: Experts question if CT is losing battle against COVID
- Connecticut's "safe harbor" law: Hear from Planned Parenthood, advanced-practice clinicians
- Stamford Hospital Receives Recognition From American Heart Association

DC

- A new life sciences ranking is out — and Greater Washington just got a boost
- DC has highest number of monkeypox cases nationally per capita
- Eric Holder's wife accused of major HIPAA 'breach' by her former women's health practice
- Five leading children’s hospitals secure $29M in federal funding to enhance future pandemic readiness
- DC mayor estimates districts needs 100K monkeypox vaccine doses
- D.C.'s suicide hotline changes to 988

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DELAWARE

- Delaware OB-GYNs are getting harder to find
- Ground broken for Milton medical pavilion
- Monkeypox vaccines distributed to health departments in Philly, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware amid rise in cases
- Delaware Adds Centene Plan to Medicaid Managed Care Offerings
- Lasting nurse shortage in Delaware spurs questions about long-term retention

FLORIDA

- Lee Health reduces cost of urgent care telehealth
- Mission Health CFO: Skilled Nursing Providers are Balancing on a Financial Tightrope
- New council to help hospitals, universities deal with nursing shortage
- ScionHealth to debut its first Orlando hospital for longterm, medically complex patients
- More than 200 Monkeypox cases reported with limited vaccine supply, Florida health officials say
- Florida facing a shortage of mental health counselors
- Florida has nearly 10% of all monkeypox cases
- COVID-19 inpatient total increases in Florida
- Three Florida hospitals named to Fortune's 'Top 20 Large Community Hospitals' list
- Leading Florida health care association executive, Andrew Behrman, announces his retirement
- One of the Largest Health Systems in the US Is Diving into Home-Based Care
- Fortune names HCA Florida Twin Cities Hospital a top Small Community Hospital in U.S.

GEORGIA

- 'This is a crisis' | Emergency rooms across Georgia experiencing drastic wait times, citing staff shortages
- Northeast Georgia Health System launches new care traffic control center
- Central Georgia hospitals seeing increased wait times
- New mental health hotline launches in nation, Georgia
- COVID-19: Georgia's summer surge is here
- Insurer says it is not required to pay Georgia hospital full $38M bill

HAWAII

- Key advocates reflect on Hawaii postpartum Medicaid coverage extension
- Hawaii COVID-19 trends reverse upward ahead of possible rise to come due to BA.5
- Hawaii sees 4,329 new COVID cases, 13 more deaths; positivity rate rises
- Hawaii study on private labs' profits from PCR testing raises questions about US health care spending

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- University of Hawaii medical school contributes $260M to Hawaii economy, report finds

IDAHO

- Idaho opens hotline for mental health crises
- Saltzer Health's East Boise clinic extends office hours to improve healthcare access
- Still no monkeypox in North Idaho
- Treasure Valley hospitals seeing impacts to service, but COVID-19 isn't entirely to blame
- New technology at local hospital can detect, diagnose lung cancer more effectively
- In private-public partnership, local organizations bring affordable housing to Nampa

ILLINOIS

- A Bridge Too Far?: Advocate Aurora/Atrium would be among largest health systems in U.S.
- COVID Mandates: Here Are the Changes Gov. Pritzker Made to the State's Policies
- Five leading children's hospitals secure $29M in federal funding to enhance future pandemic readiness
- Illinois nursing home closes its doors after 70 years
- As latest COVID-19 variant spreads, Illinois health officials focus on treatment, not test counts
- Illinois Legislature Empowers Pharmacists
- As Covid threat rises, Illinois data gets murky
- Two Patients Go Missing From Same Suburban Hospital, With Both Incidents Now Under Investigation
- Illinois-based Catholic hospital system plans to deny LGBTQ workers fertility coverage
- Illinois health system using tech to automate clinicians workflows
- Shawnee Health celebration of 50 years of improving the health of Southern Illinois
- Elmhurst Hospital's Biggest Virus Caseload Since February
- Ascension Illinois Opens New Cancer Treatment Center In Romeoville

INDIANA

- $110M federal, Indiana grants to boost mental health post-pandemic
- Elevance Health reports Q2 earnings
- Proposed Indiana legislation prohibits most abortions with few exceptions
- MDwise appoints vice presidents
- Commission calls for $250M for Indiana public health
- Hackers hit health companies, insurers with increasing regularity

IOWA

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- Iowa governor signs legislation requiring more ASC transparency
- State settles University of Iowa medical malpractice lawsuit for $7.5 million
- Troubled Iowa nursing home closing
- 11 Iowa nursing homes have closed since December, citing financial stress, worker shortages
- Iowa physicians sell $16.4M medical office portfolio
- Board suspends nurse's license 17 months after arrest in stabbing incident
- Accused of stealing patients' drugs, Iowa nurse continued to find work
- COVID-19 cases rise as new subvariant worries hospital officials
- After dehydration death, state-run home cited for depriving a man of oxygen
- Iowa's COVID hospitalizations rise with increased infections
- UIHC requests 33% budget increase for new North Liberty hospital

KANSAS

- Kansas hospital fires CEO
- Tammy Smith named interim CEO of Pratt Regional Medical Center
- Dealing with mental health crisis: KS offers specialized services through 988
- North Korean group hacked Kansas hospital, got $100K Bitcoin ransom. Now FBI has found the funds.
- Number of Kansas counties at high COVID community level nearly triples
- Assisted-living facility residents returning to more 'normal' routines

KENTUCKY

- Owensboro Surgery Center gets new CEO
- Doctors: Kentucky hospitals have enough room amidst summertime COVID-19 surge
- 9-8-8 mental health hotline officially launches in Kentucky
- New collaborative will address health care workforce shortage across Kentucky
- Kentucky lawmakers examine state's healthcare worker shortage
- Long-term care facilities staffing at 'emergency levels'
- $10 million initiative aims to solve Kentucky's health care crisis, hiring
- Beshear says COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations are increasing in Kentucky

LOUISIANA

- Kathleen Healy-Collier out as president of Our Lady of Lourdes
- How a New Orleans hospital saved $250M on its renovation
- How 2 health systems are preparing for future Covid-19 surges

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- Settlement possible against Louisiana nursing home owner who evacuated hundreds to warehouse
- Louisiana nursing homes report 19 COVID-related deaths in July, more than twice as many as June
- Ochsner Health Honored for Commitment to Quality by the American Hospital Association
- Ochsner Study Shows that Social Circumstances Have Outsized Impact on Hypertension Control

MAINE

- DHHS report: Rockland assisted living resident died after being found in the snow
- Nurses say they are facing unprecedented physical, mental abuse from patients
- Anthem, Central Maine Healthcare renew contract
- Acadia Hospital receives $1 million donation to bolster pediatric services
- Governor Mills Announces $1.6M Grant Program to Expand Medical Provider Training in Rural Maine

MARYLAND

- CoreLife and CalvertHealth Open New Clinic in Prince Frederick, MD
- How the new National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline works in Maryland
- With monkeypox cases rising in Maryland and U.S., CDC scrambles to provide tests and vaccines
- MultiCare hires CFO from Maryland-based health system
- Another COVID-19 vaccine, developed by Maryland-based Novavax, approved for U.S. use

MASSACHUSETTS

- Tufts Medicine enters joint venture to build 144-bed behavioral health facility
- IBM, MIT AI tool generates questions to help clinicians using EHRs
- UMass physicians OK 1st contract
- Massachusetts lawmakers urge hospital to keep birth center open
- OCR fines 11 healthcare orgs for HIPAA right-of-access cases
- Report: Nurse shortage drives up hospital spending
- Modelo Health wants to end health disparities in pregnancy—with an app
- 60,000 Massachusetts seniors will get more than $300M in cost relief with new state budget
- Brigham and Women's Hospital names Daniel Morash CFO

MICHIGAN

- Beaumont Health Adds Faye Nelson and Linda Little to Board of Directors
- Gary Purushotham appointed CEO of DMC Sinai-Grace Hospital
- $62M mental-health hospital for children to be built in Grand Rapids area

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- BHSH Spectrum Health breaks ground on new Grand Rapids outpatient facility
- Bronson Healthcare aims to fill 30 clinical assistant jobs in Southwest Michigan
- Crucial but underpaid, Michigan home care staff face inflation now, too
- Michigan creates monkeypox website as CDC says the vaccine supply falls far short of demand
- Michigan Medicine nurses rally for fair contract in Ann Arbor

MINNESOTA

- Olivia Hospital & Clinic president stepping down after nine years in position
- Inside Mayo's global technology initiative with VP Eric Harnisch
- Optum's bet on virtual care, home health
- Minnesota hospital president to step down after 9 years
- Riverwood Healthcare Center building $45M ASC
- Optum Q2 revenue hits $45.1 billion, up 18% from last year
- Abortion ruling to speed process for clinics, patients
- Minnesota joins rollout of 988 mental health crisis lifeline
- Demand for abortion in Minnesota is expected to climb. Will health systems step up?

MISSISSIPPI

- CEO steps down at financially troubled Mississippi hospital
- Hospital System Says It's Hurt by Lack of Medicaid Expansion
- Mississippi Hospital Extends Epic EHR System to Nearby Medical Center
- Medicaid expansion discussions return as Mississippi hospitals face financial struggles
- Incoming Mississippi state health officer looks to close health equity gap

MISSOURI

- 2nd Metro East nursing home closes amid nationwide staffing woes
- BJC HealthCare, Encompass Health to build 40-bed rehab hospital in West County
- BJC to offer full-tuition scholarships in a bid to attract nurses
- Data Breach Settlement: BJC HealthCare Agrees to Put $2.7M Into Email Security
- Missouri hospital CEO resigns for Alaska job
- SSM DePaul Hospital installs metal detector after stabbing, safety complaints
- SSM Health DePaul Hospital chief nursing officer Seth Lovell promoted to systemwide role
- TCMH announces leadership change; CEO exits institution
- Boone Health names Edward Clayton CFO

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- SSM Health strengthens security after stabbing
- 'I got punched 6 times in 1 year': Nurses detail abuse by patients, ask lawmakers to step in
- Missouri hospital offers healthcare career camp for students

MONTANA

- Catalyst Healthcare, National Real Estate Advisors Acquire 244,500 SF Great Falls Clinic Campus in Montana
- New DPHHS survey shows problems at healthcare facilities span beyond Montana State Hospital
- Missoula public health officials warn that monkeypox may spread to Montana within weeks
- Two nursing homes announce closures, forcing residents to move elsewhere

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska health system warns of long wait times in emergency rooms
- Columbus hospital takes active stance to combat nursing shortage
- COVID-19 cases steady, but hospitalizations jump in Lincoln
- OCR fines 11 healthcare orgs for HIPAA right-of-access cases
- 'It might be the largest health crisis that we're facing in the state of Nebraska': New UNMC program aims to tackle diabetes in rural areas

NEVADA

- How a local hospital system is trying to attract new nursing students
- COVID-19 hospitalizations and cases again dip in Clark County, state
- Monkeypox precautions urged as Nevada cases remain low, numbers surge in California
- Nevada COVID-19 cases 'on the downslope of another wave'

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- New Hampshire health officials report 4 new COVID-19 deaths
- N.H. is changing how it handles mental health emergencies
- American Hospital Association board names Joanne M. Conroy, MD, as Chair-elect Designate
- New Hampshire receives limited supply of monkeypox vaccine, will prioritize who gets first shots
- Wentworth-Douglass to open new Primary Care in Rochester: Seacoast health news

NEW JERSEY

- RWJBarnabas Health launches program to support local businesses
- Monkeypox vaccines distributed to health departments in Philly, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware amid rise in cases
- New Jersey hospital evacuates ED after A/C breaks

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- Everside Health expands in N.J. with three new centers: Fair Lawn, Toms River and Willingboro
- RWJBarnabas launches program to expand opportunities for local, minority-owned businesses
- New Jersey ASC association elects new president, board members

NEW MEXICO

- Nonprofit alleges legal violations as medical debt lawsuits continue unabated during pandemic
- C-Suite Awards: Dr. Vesta Sandoval of Lovelace Health System has dedicated her life to serving others
- Dept. of Health asks for more school-based healthcare in New Mexico
- How New Mexico Dramatically Reduced Marketplace Deductibles At Zero Cost To The State

NEW YORK

- Rochester General nurses vote to unionize
- Saratoga Hospital names next president and CEO
- Northwell Health inks deal with Google for cloud, AI technologies
- Bassett Healthcare extends CEO's contract
- Kaleida Health names Beth Hughes president of vascular institute
- Mount Sinai physician inserts brain-computer interface chip into US patient
- Northwell Health to provide mental health services to NYPD officers
- Northwell CIO seeks to 'take friction out of seeking, receiving and paying for care,' with Google deal
- Auburn Community Hospital to build $14M radiation treatment center
- New York multispecialty group acquires 3rd practice in 18 months
- OCR fines 11 healthcare orgs for HIPAA right-of-access cases
- NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull Receives $11M from Brooklyn Borough President for New Birthing Center
- NYC Monkeypox Patients Face Painful Symptoms and Struggle For Care
- NYC health department switches to single-dose strategy to fight monkeypox outbreak
- Kaleida Health CEO Don Boyd faces 'herculean' challenges
- Governor Hochul Announces $75 Million in Awards to Develop New Intensive Crisis Stabilization Centers
- St. Peter's Health Partners acquires third private practice in 18 months
- New York confirms 1st national polio case since 2013
- New York hospital opens baby simulation center to reduce maternal mortality

NORTH CAROLINA

- '988': New hotline connects N.C. residents with crisis counselors
- A Bridge Too Far?: Advocate Aurora/Atrium would be among largest health systems in U.S.

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- Carolina Behavioral Health Alliance Reports Breach of the PHI of 130,000 Health Plan Members
- Davis Regional Medical Center begins work to become a specialty hospital
- Following ICU closure at Martin General Hospital, residents raise concern about critical access for rural patients
- Judge has questions for both sides in class action lawsuit against HCA, Mission Hospital
- LifePoint pays back wages for overtime violations
- NCDHHS releases response plan for 2022 monkeypox outbreak
- North Carolina confirms 20th case of monkeypox in ongoing outbreak
- Nursing shortages cause NC hospital to temporarily close ICU
- UNC Health settles with blind patients who accused medical system of violating their rights
- New behavioral health hospital coming to Eastern Carolina
- Hacker tries to access a North Carolina clinic's computer system
- North Carolina in the running for major federal biomedical facility
- Davis Regional Medical Center to eliminate most patient services by end of 2022, shift focus to inpatient behavioral health car
- HCA faces questions in antitrust lawsuit

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health celebrates 10 years in Bismarck region
- Future bright for nursing at state hospital
- North Dakota detects its first case of monkeypox

OHIO

- At 100, Tucker US' oldest practicing physician – with no sign of slowing down
- California Investor Purchases Medical Office Building for $2.3M
- More than 1000 ProMedica patients affected by data breach
- Ohio's new COVID-19 cases break 50,000 in 2 weeks
- Cleveland Clinic expands services at Euclid Hospital
- Area hospitals, schools addressing healthcare labor shortage
- No changes: New facility at Good Samaritan Hospital grounds moves forward
- Man ruled incompetent for trial in Lima hospital attacks
- Bedford, Richmond Heights face loss of revenue, lack of close ER when UH Bedford, UH Richmond cease inpatient hospital services
- Akron Children's Hospital, University of Akron announce sports-health partnership, plans for new sports health center
- Cleveland Clinic Adds Two Centers of Excellence to Its Direct-to-Employer Plans

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- Oklahoma State University settles HIPAA allegations for $875K
- New Oklahoma 988 mental health crisis hotline responds to over 400 calls just this month
- OU Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma agree to 3-year deal
- Oklahoma City hospital settles claims after allegedly failing to timely report fentanyl, hydromorphone thefts by former employee to DEA
- OSDH releases state plan to help reduce obesity in Oklahoma
- Oklahoma City Hospital Pays $120,000 to Settle Civil Penalty Claims
- Oklahoma Sees Surge in Heat-Related Health Emergencies

OREGON

- Inside the 22-hour bargaining session that got Providence union nurses to yes
- Nurses approve two-year contract with Providence St. Vincent after initial rejection
- Providence streamlines exec team as part of new operating model
- Oregon hospitals are understaffed and nearing full capacity, officials say
- Central Oregon’s St. Charles lays off 2 top executives as patients face severe staff shortage
- 'This is unprecedented': Many Pacific Northwest hospitals at capacity as they struggle with staffing
- Oregon ICU beds dwindle, hospitals near capacity amid staffing shortages
- Oregon health officials ask residents to mask up as hospitals near capacity
- Rising prescription drug prices contributed to 49% jump in Oregon healthcare costs over 6-year period: report
- Report: Oregon health care costs surged nearly 50% in 6 years

PENNSYLVANIA

- How Geisinger's refund program is faring amid patient experience crisis
- Staffing issues forces Crozer Health to cut overnight and weekend hours in their Crisis Center
- US government suit against UPMC and star surgeon moves forward
- Pennsylvania health system gets 3rd CEO this year
- Pennsylvania hospitals' profit margins look better on paper than in reality, says hospital association
- UPMC opts for Microsoft to modernize clinical analytics
- Daily staff levels to affect Crozer Health's crisis center hours

RHODE ISLAND

- Measure protecting providers from minimum staffing penalties fails
- Rhode Island nursing homes to face financial penalties for staffing mandate
- Rhode Island physician named to Epic national advisory board

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- Longtime leader of R.I. health care workers union stepping aside
- Agreement reached with BVCHC unionized caregivers, strike averted

SOUTH CAROLINA

- SC Hospital Receives $500K+ Grant to Support Telehealth Expansion
- South Carolina COVID cases, hospitalizations creeping back up, top doctor says expect more cases
- Trident Health Begins Construction On Behavioral Health Hospital
- COVID-19 cases on the rise in South Carolina, DHEC says
- 6th case of monkeypox confirmed in South Carolina: DHEC
- Former South Carolina House Speaker named Senior Vice President for Government Affairs at Prisma Health

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Avera vice president of culture retires after 20 years
- South Dakota adopting 988 as new Suicide Prevention Hotline
- Spine robot brings 'exciting opportunities' to Monument Health

TENNESSEE

- Former HCA vice president joins health tech investment firm
- Healthcare Trust of America shareholders approve merger with Nashville-based medical landlord
- Hospital readmissions tied to supply of nearby care options: study
- Nashville General to possibly build new hospital
- New 91,000 square foot Orthopaedic Institute in Knoxville to employ 150 people
- Confirmed COVID-19 cases still rising in Tennessee, Davidson County
- In Middle Tennessee, several hospitals are still haunted by a failed billing scheme
- False billing scheme hinders reopening of several Tennessee hospitals
- CHI Memorial Named Tennessee Health-System Pharmacy Residency Program Of The Year

TEXAS

- Citizens Medical Center to open Port Lavaca surgery clinic
- Memorial Hermann pays $240k HIPAA ‘Right of Access' fine
- Reeves County SO: Hospital employee taken into custody after being found with firearm
- Texas AG Ken Paxton files lawsuit to block use of EMTALA to allow abortions
- Employee with gun arrested at Texas hospital
- UT Health Athens names CEO

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- Mom ravaged by ants before death in nursing home, family sues: 'Horror story'
- OCR fines 11 healthcare orgs for HIPAA right-of-access cases
- Texas hospitals are putting pregnant patients at risk by denying care out of fear of abortion laws, medical group says
- Texas Medical Center brings back COVID-19 dashboard as cases increase across Houston
- HCA to donate $750K to U of Texas at El Paso to advance diversity in healthcare leadership
- SA health company makes C-suite move amid 'explosive' growth

UTAH

- Utah surpasses 1 million COVID-19 cases since pandemic start
- University of Utah Health Plans increases eligibility communications with Medicaid members as end of PHE nears
- 'Measures up with the best': Cedar City Hospital rises among top hospitals in the country
- Utah ranks 10th in the U.S. for overall well-being

VERMONT

- UVM Health Network Redesigns Governance Structure
- Vermont Covid levels remain 'low' while numbers rise nationally
- Inflation to erode nonprofit hospital margins, Fitch reports

VIRGINIA

- Virginians can now access new hospital price transparency tool
- Virginia's mental health hotline launches amid fears it won't meet expectations
- Virginia COVID-19 cases rise by 3,106 Wednesday
- Virginia Medicaid Expansion: New Members Report Reduced Financial Concerns During The COVID-19 Pandemic

WASHINGTON

- Five leading children's hospitals secure $29M in federal funding to enhance future pandemic readiness
- MultiCare hires CFO from Maryland-based health system
- New unit at Good Samaritan Hospital supports pregnant patients with substance use disorder in getting much-needed care
- Some Washington hospitals reportedly overcapacity
- Three Rivers Hospital seeks levy to fund ER operations
- Guardianship law in WA State keeps hospital beds full; concerns health leaders, nurses
- Amazon makes $3.9 billion bet on patient health care

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- Washington Hospital Leaders Call on State to Help With 'Unprecedented' Capacity Crisis

WEST VIRGINIA

- Active COVID-19 cases hit 5-month high in West Virginia
- Mon Health seeks to build small format hospital in Bridgeport, West Virginia
- Mon Health System plans to build $22.5M small format hospital in Bridgeport
- West Virginia hospital numbers improve overall in Monday's COVID report

WISCONSIN

- A Bridge Too Far?: Advocate Aurora/Atrium would be among largest health systems in U.S.
- Marshfield residents may see tax increase after lawsuit with Marshfield Clinic
- New Partnership to Implement In-Home Acute Care in Wisconsin
- Wisconsin health center notifies patients of data breach
- COVID-19 in Wisconsin: Over 2,000 cases confirmed for 2nd day
- Half dozen cases of monkeypox in Wisconsin
- Wisconsin's Covid Condition: Hazy case data clouds a summer rise of BA.5 omicron
- UnitedHealthcare launches network with a focus on Aurora, Froedtert, Children's
- UW-La Crosse, Mayo Clinic enter health services agreement

WYOMING

- Wyoming establishes 24/7 lifeline just as '988' number rolls out nationally
- Governor: Hospital is ‘great anchor’ for community
- COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations rising in Laramie County, across state
- Cheyenne Regional Health System Chief Executive Officer Selected as 2022 American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion

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