

## HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS

### NATIONAL

- 9th Circ. Ends Idaho Abortion Law Row After Mutual Dismissal
- 700+ rural hospitals at risk of closing
- 5 hospice, palliative care providers name new executives
- As AI nurses reshape hospital care, human nurses are pushing back
- Cigna, Health Care Service Corp. close \$3.3B Medicare deal
- CMS doubles down on Medicare drug price negotiations
- CMS nominee Oz won't rule out Medicaid cuts
- DispatchHealth to acquire Medically Home, create home care giant
- Dr. Oz vague on Medicaid cuts in nomination hearing: 6 notes
- Health systems struggle to manage emergency department overflow
- HHS ordered to reinstate 3,200 workers
- Hospital margins hit 12-month high
- Hospitals warned of possible coordinated terrorist threat
- MedPAC recommends Congress tie physician pay to inflation for 2026
- Navigating the 2024 proposed HIPAA security rule amendments
- OIG cites nursing home surveyors' lack of expertise in emergency preparedness
- Oz Criticizes Medicare Advantage, Acknowledges Nursing Home Staffing Challenges at Confirmation Hearing
- PE acquisitions drive physician turnover, study finds
- Physician compensation reform gains steam
- Radiation oncology reimbursement bill returns to Congress
- Senate passes bill with key healthcare extensions, no Medicare physician pay fix
- Tech investments hang in the balance at rural hospitals
- UnitedHealth Group PBM to cut some drug reauthorization requirements

### ALABAMA

- Alabama hospitals generate \$25 billion economic impact, support more than 143,000 jobs
- Alabama Hospital Association releases report
- Alabama lawmakers propose requiring postpartum depression assessment for mothers

- Bham construction firm lands \$3.37M Florida deal
- House committee approves bill allowing health care workers to refuse blood draws
- Task force proposes new strategies to expand Alzheimer's care and research in Alabama
- Wellness brand eyes clinic for busy Hoover corridor
- Alabama health workers could refuse to draw blood from DUI suspects under proposed law
- New pharmacy reimbursement bill could get Senate vote today

## ALASKA

- Alaska Senate bill would lower age of consent for therapy to 16
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium leader working toward hospital ownership
- Dunleavy files bill to add Alaska to Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact
- Medicaid cuts would decimate Native American programs, tribal health leaders say

## ARIZONA

- 10 companies, 5 nations, 1 accelerator: A wide range of innovative health care solutions
- Banner reports \$362.5M operating income, 2.3% margin in 2024
- Construction of \$45M medical office complex in Arizona underway
- Scottsdale neuroscience company among two Flinn Foundation entrepreneurship winners
- UHS of Tucson Acquires 76,770 SF Behavioral Health Hospital in Arizona for \$19.1M
- UHS purchases Arizona behavioral health site for \$19M
- 'America must come first': Arizona legislator wants hospitals to ask about citizenship
- Arizona bill could mandate immigration status checks in hospitals
- Arizona GOP advances 'backdoor abortion ban' despite voter-approved protections
- Arizona lawmaker pushes bill to require hospitals to verify patient citizenship | FOX 10 Phoenix
- Banner Health taps SVP of clinical advancement
- Construction of \$45M medical office complex in Arizona underway
- Flagstaff Medical Center treating fewer severe COVID cases in 2025
- Scottsdale neuroscience company among two Flinn Foundation entrepreneurship winners
- Tucsonans protest against VA employee layoffs saying it will hurt healthcare, Trump admin says no

## ARKANSAS

- Children's Mercy executive heads to Arkansas Children's
- Ryan McDonough Named Chief Medical Officer at Arkansas Children's Northwest
- Samuel Pieh on Strengthening Health Care in the Delta & the Challenges Ahead

- [UAMS Joins NIH Effort, Receives \\$506K to Increase Rural Health Research](#)
- [Arkansas' Minority and Women-Owned Businesses Face Uncertainty Under Anti-DEI Law](#)
- [Delta Dental's \\$7.4M Loss Tied to Tech Upgrade](#)
- [Fort Smith, Northwest Arkansas area hospitals receive stroke care awards - Talk Business & Politics](#)
- [Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders Announces Appointments](#)
- [More med residents could bring Arkansas a \\$465M boost - Axios NW Arkansas](#)
- [UAMS Receives \\$2.5M for Family Medicine Residency Programs in South Arkansas](#)

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- [California bans 'sham' health plans, reaches \\$1.3M settlement](#)
- [California system hit with another rating downgrade](#)
- [Chapa-De breaks ground on \\$58 million South Placer Health Center, to add 150 jobs](#)
- [Cyberattacks spark credit downgrades at 2 systems](#)
- [Delays at S.F. hospitals keep patients waiting in ambulances and cost taxpayers thousands](#)
- [Kaiser medical school receives initial accreditation](#)
- [Kaiser's Risant Health names 3 leaders to drive value-based care](#)
- [Kaiser holds groundbreaking for new, all-electric medical center in the Railyards](#)
- [Keck Medicine of USC shares 'the way to grow' for academic systems](#)
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- [San Francisco mayor launches new mental health plan: 3 things to know](#)
- [Scripps plans \\$1.2B hospital campus on land it acquired 35 years ago](#)
- [What's driving California's ASC landscape](#)
- [Adventist Health names service area CFO](#)
- [Adventist Health taps COO](#)
- [Attorney General Bonta Announces \\$1.3 Million Settlement Against Companies Over Sham Health Insurance Plans](#)
- [California hospital reopens after 2-year closure](#)
- [Cedars-Sinai refines inpatient diabetes care](#)
- [City of Hope taps former Trinity exec for VP of revenue strategy and operations role](#)
- [FDA warns Dexcom over 2 site deficiencies](#)

- How Stanford, Tampa General are using ambient AI for nurses
- John Muir Health projects \$3M savings with AI's help
- Kaiser breaks ground on \$1B hospital campus
- Molina Healthcare of California to Host Grand Opening of One Stop Help Center for Chula Vista Community
- Providence hospital to expand radiology, lab services with \$50M gift
- Ransom demand at California hospital turns out to be a hoax
- Santa Clara County health officer announces retirement
- Sharp HealthCare bets big on spatial computing
- Sutter Health bets on GME to secure future workforce
- UC San Diego Health's strategy to improve care access

## COLORADO

- A first-of-its-kind program for female athletes launches at Children's Hospital Colorado
- Bill to Streamline Health Care for Colorado Children Passes Senate
- Colorado bill would remake federal program that subsidizes hospitals in bid to lower patients' costs
- Colorado Women's Health Researchers forced to play "catch up" on women's health care
- Denver medical tech company fights to maintain Nasdaq listing
- Denver senior living operator expands on the East Coast
- Denver health-tech unicorn to combine with fast-growing Boston startup
- Medicaid cuts would threaten rural hospitals, nursing homes in Colorado
- Nearly 500 behavioral health workers laid off in Colorado
- Rural Colorado hospital leader says financial situation getting worse
- Colorado improves in report that grades states on reproductive health care access

## CONNECTICUT

- Bills advance to make nursing homes spend more on direct care
- Committee set to approve bill prohibiting private equity ownership of CT hospitals, nursing homes
- CT lawmakers want to stop profit-driven companies from taking over hospitals
- New Connecticut bill seeks to prevent LGBTQ+ discrimination in long-term care facilities
- Prospect's handling of Waterbury Hospital an 'abomination,' CT senator says
- A CT doctor helped create 'completely personalized' cancer vaccines. Here is what happened
- Connecticut Children's and Xerox Partner to Introduce New, Innovative, AI-driven Technologies to Pediatric Healthcare
- CT leaders aim to make nursing homes spend more on direct care

- Hartford HealthCare app to give patients 24/7 access to medical professionals
- Health centers aim for boost in state funding as Medicaid cuts loom
- Lawsuit in New Canaan woman's fatal C-section at Stamford Hospital to go to trial in April
- Patient at Yale New Haven Hospital found with 'ghost gun,' police say
- Prospect moves forward with hospital sale plans, promises to include CT parties in auction process
- 'We have to disrupt ourselves': Hartford HealthCare's virtual strategy
- Wellinks and CareAbout Health Partner to Expand Value-Based COPD Management in New Jersey and Florida
- Why Connecticut Children's CEO sees 'extreme challenges' — and opportunities — ahead

## DC

- How The Washington Home Capital Caring Health Inpatient Center helps DC families
- Kaiser's Risant Health names 3 leaders to drive value-based care
- More than 1,000 march in DC against possible health care cuts

## DELAWARE

- ChristianaCare CEO Janice E. Nevin recognized as a top business leader in Delaware
- ChristianaCare hospital names interim president
- ChristianaCare's strategy for lower costs while improving employee wellness
- Delaware has some of highest long-term care costs - which have quickly increased: Survey
- Advocates Call for Collaboration to Strengthen Healthcare in Delaware
- Community engagement helps Delaware health system retain doctors
- Delaware hospital review board holds first meeting as lawsuit looms
- Nemours Children's Health Opens Lisa Dean Moseley Foundation Institute for Cancer and Blood Disorders
- St. Francis Hospital to end ambulance service for Wilmington this summer
- Susan Smith Birkhoff, Ph.D., RN, makes nursing history in Delaware

## FLORIDA

- 10 health systems with lowered outlooks
- Ascension Sacred Heart doctor becomes first obesity medicine Fellow in Pensacola
- BayCare Opens Florida's First Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center
- Bham construction firm lands \$3.37M Florida deal
- Fla. Nursing Home Dodged Union After Transfer, NLRB Says
- Golisano Children's Hospital raises nearly \$1.5M through Children's Miracle Network
- HCA Florida Capital Hospital announces new chair, vice chair of Board of Trustees

- HCA Florida Healthcare hosts construction ceremony for West Orange Emergency
- HCA Florida Mercy Hospital Expands Surgical Capabilities with Addition of Sixth Surgical Robot
- Long-term acute care hospital operator Landmark Holdings of Florida files for bankruptcy
- New HCA emergency facility signals potential expansion into west Orange County
- Nurse attacked at Palms West Hospital transferred to rehabilitation facility in Jacksonville
- Onix Group seeks permit for Seven Pines medical office building
- Three Jacksonville surgery centers earn top marks by U.S. News

## GEORGIA

- Emory researcher uses artificial intelligence to predict youth mental health risks
- Encompass Health and Piedmont open new Athens rehabilitation hospital
- Founder of Atlanta health care company steps down; successor named
- Georgia's Covid-19 Shield Law Bars Hospital Malpractice Suit
- Georgia Lawmakers consider bill to reduce wait times for mental health exams
- Gun discharge prompts police presence at Piedmont Fayette Hospital, no active shooter
- Hospital becomes part of largest U.S. chain
- Rehabilitation Hospital of Athens Now Open in Georgia
- Study considers how Georgians spend health care dollars compared to leading diseases, disorders

## HAWAII

- INPEACE acquires former Kaiser Permanente clinic for \$5.3 million
- Health officials recommend vaccines amidst rise in measles cases
- Lawmakers aim to reduce Hawaii's healthcare shortage by paying off worker's student loans

## IDAHO

- 9th Circ. Ends Idaho Abortion Law Row After Mutual Dismissal
- Saint Alphonsus CEO shares about state of health care, need for medical personnel in Idaho
- St. Luke's offering at-home healthcare equivalent to hospital care
- Tacoma's MultiCare Announces New Medical Campus in Idaho
- Bold and collaborative approaches are needed to solve Idaho's physician shortage
- Need treatment your doctor doesn't support? Under new Idaho law, they can deny it

## ILLINOIS

- 10 health systems with lowered outlooks

- 6 planned hospital reopenings
- Anderson Medical Group Celebrates Opening of New Medical Office Building in Collinsville
- CommonSpirit CFO calls for 'return to reason' in payer negotiations
- How a Chicago hospital plans to save \$3M-\$4M with AI
- Illinois physician pleads guilty to evading \$1.6M in taxes
- Inside CommonSpirit's national, data-driven approach to ED efficiency
- Inside Prime's acquisition of 8 Ascension hospitals
- Centene subsidiary Meridian Health Plan of Illinois awarded contract to serve dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid members across the state
- From library assistant to chief nurse: Loyola's new CNO on creating 'real progress'
- How Rush University Medical Center turned an AI setback into a success story
- Illinois blocks Endeavor's planned service cut
- Illinois hospital sued over alleged \$800K in unpaid electricity bills
- Lawmakers vote in favor of bill addressing sexual misconduct in health care, following Tribune report
- Molina Healthcare Wins Illinois Contract to Provide a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan
- Northwestern team performs liver transplant for terminal cancer patient
- U of C gut health spinout ClostraBio raises \$3.9M to launch novel probiotic
- Widow sues radiology practice after 28-year-old husband's 'fatal misdiagnosis'

## INDIANA

- Doctors argue patient privacy, harassment in fight for abortion record injunction
- Indiana lags behind other states in fertility health coverage
- Indiana Lawmakers Seek To Forbid Hospital Monopolies, but One Merger Fight Remains
- Indy-based Big Ten Cancer Research Consortium making nationwide impact
- Judge extends order prohibiting state from disclosing terminated pregnancy reports
- Legislature could explore limiting use of public health fund
- Logansport Memorial Hospital recognized for excellence in infant and maternal health
- Merger Showdown: Indiana Eyes Ban on Hospital Monopoly Deals, but One Battle Remains
- Monroe Hospital evacuated after air handler on roof catches fire
- Orthopedic practice sues physician claiming noncompetes breach
- Proposed Indiana hospital merger gets FTC pushback
- Residents suffer as county hospitals divert \$2.6 billion from poorly staffed nursing homes
- Soleo Health opens ambulatory infusion suite in Fort Wayne

- Senators begrudgingly move hospital 'price caps' bill

## IOWA

- Former Iowa hospital CEO sentenced to prison for fraud
- Governor's health care bill advances through House, Senate subcommittees
- Iowa bill could bring more doctors to Fort Dodge
- Iowa House passes physician retention bill
- Iowa House passes bill requiring 80 percent of med and dental students at UI be from Iowa
- Mission Cancer + Blood opens new facility in Waukee
- Nurse sues shuttered ASC for retaliation, sexual harassment
- UI Health Care leads with innovative SAINT therapy for mental health
- Univ. of Iowa Health Care uses new technology to ensure safety among newborns
- University of Iowa Health Care Stead Family Children's Hospital earns new designation
- Washington County Hospital and Clinics receives Business of the Year award
- Chris DeWolf receives Ivan D. Combe Lifetime Achievement Award
- COVID worsened shortages of doctors and nurses. Rural hospitals are still struggling
- Eastern Iowa Adapted Sports Clinic planned March 29
- Health care leaders hope influx of residency slots will help solve Iowa's physician shortage
- Labor union argues nursing home staffing mandates will ease workforce shortage
- Rural Iowa counties seeing decline in number of birthing centers
- Stead Family Children's Hospital NICU one of only two in U.S. to receive new AAP designation

## KANSAS

- BizTalk 405: Bill Voloch talks about a busy 10 years as Wesley CEO
- Children's Mercy unveils location of new clinic in northeast Wichita
- A new clinic is opening near 29th North and Greenwich, and a hospital could follow
- Grass fire destroys southeast Kansas nursing home, residents safely evacuated
- HCA debuts Kansas' 1st nurse apprenticeship
- State taps nursing home penalty fund to support broad SNF clinic training
- Technology is a challenge for a 25-bed critical access hospital

## KENTUCKY

- Baptist Health Paducah offers painless heart screening to detect disease before symptoms appear
- Concierge medical practice oneMD expands with third location on East End

- Health care practice files for bankruptcy
- KY bill adds a Medicaid work requirement. How else does it change the state's program?
- Kentucky lawmakers add specific medical exceptions to the state's near-total abortion ban
- Kentucky Senate passes Medicaid reform bill amid late-hour debate
- KY passes bill clarifying when abortions are legal. Opponents say women will still 'suffer'
- LifePoint Health announces changes to pay, PTO policies, leaving local hospital staff concerned
- RiverValley Behavioral Health expanding 988 services throughout Kentucky
- Russell County Hospital, Dry Branch Stock Farm partner up on Food is Medicine initiative
- What UofL Health's CFO is 'laser-focused' on in 2025

## LOUISIANA

- A new senior health care facility for Baton Rouge is now a step closer
- This pharmacy business is expanding
- As AI nurses reshape hospital care, human nurses are pushing back | Louisiana First News
- Baton Rouge university uses escape room, new tech to train prospective physician assistants
- CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital says they're prepared in case of measles outbreak
- Five years after COVID hit Louisiana, trust in vaccines falls
- Funding crisis threatens vital services at New Orleans health clinic
- Hundreds turn out for town hall on possible Medicaid cuts; health experts warn of dire consequences
- Labor union argues nursing home staffing mandates will ease workforce shortage | News From The States
- LDH recognizes 35 hospitals for achieving Louisiana Birth Ready Designation | Latest Stories | an17.com
- Louisiana audit finds pregnant patients struggle to get care | Health care/Hospitals | nola.com
- Local hospitals achieve Louisiana Birth Ready Designation
- Louisiana could open VA homes to paying National Guard, Reserve veterans
- Louisiana health system rebrands
- Ochsner St. Anne is only La. facility included in annual list of top 100 critical access hospitals
- Uncertain times for New Orleans health clinic assisting victims of sexual and domestic abuse

## MAINE

- Maine hospital to shutter after 'immense' financial pressure
- Northern Light Inland Hospital in Waterville to close
- As birthing units continue to close, potential solutions emerge
- Health care providers forced to make cuts amid MaineCare cap

- [Maine bill would allow doctors to keep their names off prescription labels for abortion pill](#)
- [MaineHealth to participate in treatment trials for long COVID](#)
- [MaineHealth trains new nurses to bridge gaps in psychiatric care](#)
- [Major Maine Hospital Announces Permanent Closure](#)
- [Prime Healthcare to move forward with effort to acquire Central Maine Healthcare](#)
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- [What the budget stalemate in Augusta could mean for Maine's struggling hospitals](#)

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- [Gastroenterology Associates of Fredericksburg sells to integrated health system](#)
- [Johns Hopkins laying off more than 2,000 workers after dramatic cut in USAID funding](#)
- [Johns Hopkins University to lay off more than 200 employees](#)
- [LifeBridge Health CEO to retire](#)
- [Major Greater Baltimore health system CEO to retire](#)
- [Maryland hospitals avoid federal cuts to their unique price-control system](#)
- [Nurses rally at Baltimore hospital over patient safety and staffing concerns](#)
- [Physical therapist launches mobility training company as demand grows](#)
- [These Are The Safest MD Hospitals, New Report Says](#)
- [UMMS to transform sporting goods store into primary care center](#)

## MASSACHUSETTS

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- [Beth Israel: New robotic tech could double its yearly liver transplants](#)
- [Business advocates once again urge state to rein in healthcare costs](#)
- [Ed Kaye, founding CEO of Stoke Therapeutics, steps down](#)
- [Four MassHealth providers indicted for drug testing fraud, kickbacks totaling \\$7.8 million](#)
- [Hebrew SeniorLife plans to train thousands of frontline workers with new institute](#)
- [Mass General Brigham to invest \\$400 million into cancer care](#)
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- Mass. health care system 'falling apart,' key state senator says
- Medicaid cuts would rock Mass. health care, advocates warn
- Physician indicted for \$7.8M fraud scheme
- 1st patient death linked to muscular dystrophy treatment
- Boston Children's Hospital feeling pinch of federal funding cuts | WBUR News
- Business leaders rally against potential tax hikes
- Denver unicorn to combine with fast-growing Boston startup
- DPH issues key approval for new Dana-Farber hospital
- Duchenne patient on Sarepta's gene therapy dies
- Federal funding cuts disrupt medical schools
- Feng Zhang gene-editing spinout closes \$74M funding
- Legionnaires' case confirmed at Massachusetts hospital
- Mass General Brigham, Best Buy advance hospital at home
- Natick life sciences incubator opens third facility to meet growing demand
- New Bedford's St. Luke's Hospital named most advanced trauma center in southeastern Massachusetts
- Petri Dish: Flagship spinout Ampersand raises \$65M, Seres medical chief lands new role
- Walgreens closing Marlborough location amid larger consolidation of pharmacies

## MICHIGAN

- Corewell Health posts \$207.9M in earnings for 2024 as patient volumes grow
- Dangerous Infection Now Confirmed In 16 States Including Michigan
- Henry Ford Health to revamp physician staffing model
- New Ronald McDonald House CEO wants deeper ties with Grand Rapids health providers
- Police respond to shooting at Michigan hospital, suspect not in custody
- Reintroduced 'momnibus' maternal health care bill package clears first stop in Michigan Senate

## MINNESOTA

- Children's Minnesota CEO talks about acting, reacting, and focusing on health equity
- Mayo Clinic asks for city support for \$500 million bond sale
- Mayo Clinic ends most medical debt lawsuits in legal settlement: 5 notes
- Mayo Clinic reaches settlement on charity care, medical debt
- Summit Orthopedics becomes 1st freestanding ASC to earn Joint Commission shoulder replacement certification
- AG brokers new talks over future of Fairview, Essentia and academic medicine in Minnesota

- Hennepin Healthcare physicians move to unionize
- Low staffing, low pay: Twin Cities nursing home workers again on brink of walkout
- Minnesota hospital taps president
- Minnesota nursing home workers planning two-day strike
- The 37 health systems Optum recommends for cancer care in 2025
- U of M, Essentia, Fairview to continue talks with facilitator - Twin Cities
- U of M leaders update Regents on future of health system - KSTP.com 5 Eyewitness News

## MISSISSIPPI

- NMHS seeks approval for \$21.5M, three-story medical office
- TrueCare Announces Key Executive Appointments
- Vicksburg's Dr. Steven Reed Named AOA President

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- How BJC, SSM Health's 'impact investing' is tackling economic disparities
- How Resilient Health is using tech to improve health care outcomes for patients in St. Louis and beyond
- Mallinckrodt to merge with another drugmaker, Endo, in nearly \$7B deal
- St. Louis hospital surrenders license, closes
- State considers introducing its own nursing home staffing rule and other bills aimed at LTC providers
- BJC reports \$10.7B revenue, 3% margin in 1st year post-merger: 4 notes
- Homer G. Phillips Memorial Hospital is permanently closed
- Missouri nursing home workers and advocates call on lawmakers to address 'crisis'
- Nursing home evacuated in Sikeston, Missouri
- The guide to St. Louis health care training and education services

## MONTANA

- Montana missing measles vaccination data
- New Veterans Affairs Clinic opens in Hamilton
- Simulation in Motion Montana bringing prehospital trauma training to Havre

## NEBRASKA

- Caregivers rally, urge Nebraskans in Congress to protect Medicaid
- Dr. Jeffrey Gold, President, University of Nebraska system: lately it's been "a day-by-day, week-by-week course adjustment."

- Fairbury's JCH&L reports Medicare fraud attempt
- Hospital board grapples with ongoing care reimbursement woes
- Laurel, Nebraska community working to save assisted care facility from shutting down
- Nebraska providers protest Medicaid cuts, say nursing homes already 'living on the edge'
- Nebraska Supreme Court reverses ruling on credentialing for nurse midwives
- Regional West names Ned Resch as new CEO

## NEVADA

- Community leaders focus on valley's health care
- Nevada cuts wait time for inmates needing mental health care
- Nevada nurses overwhelmed and understaffed
- New leader of SNHD talks public health priorities for Las Vegas area
- Covenant Real Estate buys two Jacksonville sites for lease to PDS Health and eyes expansion
- Crescent Valley Clinic implements fiber-optic internet access
- Reno nurses to protest proposed cuts to Nevada Medicaid and Nevada Check Up at Rep. Amodei's district office
- WNC announces additions to nursing faculty

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Some NCI-designated cancer center funding in limbo
- House shuts down effort to recognize abortion as critical to women's health in New Hampshire

## NEW JERSEY

- NJ officials, nursing homes dispute budget funding
- Ex-NJ Health Official Settles Suit Over COVID Whistleblowing
- Former Pharmacy Executives Convicted in \$100M Health Care Fraud Scheme
- Looming Medicaid cuts would hit NJ patients, nursing home residents hard
- New Jersey hospital taps new COO
- Outrage as New Jersey hospital's bizarre form asks parents if their babies are 'straight, gay or trans'
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Somerset Expands Breast Cancer Services
- RWJBarnabas pilots AI tool for early SSI detection
- Wellinks and CareAbout Health Partner to Expand Value-Based COPD Management in New Jersey and Florida

## NEW MEXICO

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- [CHRISTUS Health announces Jim Heckert retirement as CEO of CHRISTUS Southern New Mexico](#)
- [House advances hospital oversight expansion bill with whistleblower protections](#)
- [House democrats introduce new legislation to replace defeated hospital acquisition oversight bill](#)
- [House Passes Bill To Review Hospital Consolidation Deals - Los Alamos Reporter](#)
- [Measles cases reach about 320 total in Texas and New Mexico](#)
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## NORTH CAROLINA

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- Atrium Health parent company to partner with Microsoft on testing of AI nursing tool at NC hospital
- Atrium Health sends \$9.2 million request to state for surgical needs in Cabarrus County
- Back to school: Nurse seeks training to help bridge mental health care gap in rural NC
- Charlotte health-care giant partners with Microsoft to test AI tool
- Cone Health CEO Cagle leaving job
- Financial pressures prompt women's services cuts at NC rural hospitals
- HCA gets greenlight to expand in North Carolina
- How Novant balances employee investment, financial stability
- Martin County seeks operator to bring rural hospital back to life
- North Carolina affirms approval for Mission Hospital's new ER in West Asheville
- North Carolina fails telehealth exam
- North Carolina physician sentenced in \$2M+ fraud scheme
- ProKidney CEO cites 'significant progress' after regenerative medicine company loses \$163M in 2024
- Too costly to keep, but too important to lose. Solving paradox of NC rural women's health services
- Triangle firm with 1,800 employees merges
- Winston-Salem hospital uses AI to help diagnose cardiac disease

## NORTH DAKOTA

- Altru looks to acquire Devils Lake hospital near the end of March
- Elon Musk-backed group targets North Dakota lawmakers over prescription drug program
- Sensory path at Essentia Health aims to ease children's surgery anxiety
- Two Sanford facilities make list of best hospitals in U.S.

## OHIO

- 60+ Ohio hospital workers file police reports after not being paid
- Bon Secours Mercy Health flips back to profit with \$133M operating gain, 1% margin: 7 notes
- Cincinnati institutions awarded \$2.3M to join nationwide research effort alongside Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic
- Columbus-based health group warns Ohio could lose \$30B in federal Medicaid funds
- East Ohio Regional Hospital will begin laying off "ancillary services"
- Kenwood by Senior Star leader finds purpose in pivot to health care
- Lack of local health care causing major problems in rural Ohio

- Local hospital staffing impacted after service agreement sale
- Medical office building, surgery center to be constructed in Ohio
- Mount Carmel set to open new hospital in Dublin
- Ohio hospital to lay off 'ancillary services'
- Ohio hospital vows to keep ER open amid layoffs, but first responders say they are frequently on diversion
- Ohio payer beats UnitedHealthcare in racketeering lawsuit, awarded \$50M
- Ohio physician practice closes due to reimbursement challenges
- Ohio woman pleads guilty to stealing behavioral providers' identities
- Southeast Healthcare to welcome East Ohio patients amid hospital service closures
- TriHealth searches to fill newly vacant chief nursing officer role at one of its hospitals

## OKLAHOMA

- Elkview General Hospital and SSM Health form management partnership
- Mannford nursing home quickly evacuated seniors as wildfire neared
- OKC moves forward on \$1B arena, mental health center
- OHA recognizes CCMH for supporting food insecure patients
- Oklahoma City among top U.S. cities for obesity rates
- Texas measles outbreak spreads to Oklahoma as New Mexico reports first death

## OREGON

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- Judge considers contempt order, fines to force Oregon into mental health system improvements
- Oregon bill to pay parent caregivers advances to budget committee
- OHSU hospital operating at 100%-plus capacity
- Oregon's legislature passes Medicaid tax extension in bipartisan vote
- Oregon nurses, doctors split on new workplace violence bill
- Police investigating patient death at Oregon State Hospital in Salem
- Trial begins for Oregon ASC surgeon in former Timbers player's \$25.6M lawsuit

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- 18 Philadelphia-area surgery centers rated top performing by U.S. News & World Report
- Allegheny Health Network reports \$147M operating loss, -2.9% margin in 2024

- Central Pa. medical center completes third phase of \$1.4M project
- AstraZeneca to acquire biotech firm at cost of up to \$1B
- CHOP expects multibillion-dollar investment in 'futuristic' projects to boost recruitment
- CHOP to build new hospital, revitalize existing hospital after receiving historic \$125M donation
- Cigna, Jefferson Health split
- Contract standoff leaves Jefferson Health hospitals out of network for Cigna members
- Fallout: Five years after the pandemic, PA health care is still absorbing impact
- Greater Philadelphia CEOs ramp up advocacy in Washington, D.C. to stave off health care 'Armageddon'
- Highmark Health sees 9% revenue growth despite operating losses in challenging 2024
- Jefferson Health looks to reimagine its distressed hospitals
- Jefferson president to lead Lehigh Valley Health
- Penn Medicine hospital opens walk-in behavioral health center
- Pennsylvania physician practice to close
- Pittsburgh Mercy CEO to depart for California role after 6-year tenure
- Reopened Sharon Regional Medical Center draws patients, rehires staff amid transformation plans
- Sharon Regional Medical Center set to reopen Tuesday under new ownership
- Shuttered former Steward hospital to reopen
- UHS purchases Arizona behavioral health site for \$19M
- "Unconscionable" Bernie Sanders Rips Geisinger Over Nurse Health Benefits in Viral Tweet
- Last-minute deal saves Prospect-owned hospitals in PA, but fate of 3 CT hospitals remains uncertain
- Merck to lay off 163, shutter Pennsylvania plant
- Philadelphia's Proscia raises \$50M to advance AI-driven technology
- Pittsburgh-based PeopleOne Health expands services
- Plans to save Pennsylvania's Crozer Health system with long-term plan take positive step as deadline looms
- Prospect Medical reports 'good progress' in talks to sell Crozer Health
- Sharon Regional Medical Center set to reopen Tuesday under new ownership

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- 10 health systems with lowered outlooks
- Rhode Island hospital sues group that alleges mismanagement
- Diaz named director of women's behavioral health at Women & Infants
- Five Questions With: Dr. Paul Wallace

- Hasbro Hospital's 2025 Heroes Ball raises \$1.25M
- Most, least competitive states for physicians
- Pohle offers therapeutic services for neurodivergent and LGBTQ youths
- URI to offer master's degree in public health
- U.S. News ranks 2 R.I. ambulatory surgery centers as high performing
- WalletHub: R.I. remains second-worst state for doctors
- Women & Infants set to open spacious new labor and delivery unit

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- Anderson hospital enters partnership to deliver urgent care services to Upstate
- Local representative fighting for St. Jude medical care in Charleston
- Novant Health opening new orthopedic clinic in Beaufort
- SC hit with high flu deaths, hospitalizations even as spring nears. These counties struggling most
- Spartanburg VA Clinic fully operational following damage caused by Hurricane Helene

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- Newsweek names Sanford medical centers among world's best
- Sanford Health's AI bet pays off: 'Everyone reported improvements'

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- 6 planned hospital reopenings
- Ardent Health execs eye outpatient expansion, see nonprofits' headwinds as growth opportunity
- Ascension Saint Thomas to invest \$91 million in new hospital
- Chattanooga Doctor Must Pay \$700,000 In Medicare False Claims Case
- Downtown project enters new \$100 million phase of construction
- Former Memphis TV anchor to lead communications for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare
- Health care executive named state CIO
- How are Nashville hospitals responding to possible bed shortage?
- Hybrid works for HealthStream, downsizes office space with sublease agreement
- IMAC Holdings violated another Nasdaq listing rule
- Nashville doctor opens membership-based primary care practice where it's easy to get an appointment, be seen
- New legislation pushes for mandatory coverage of speech therapy in Tennessee health plans
- New West Tennessee Healthcare CEO talks rural health care at Jackson Rotary Club
- Tennessee bill could require data sharing on gender-affirming care

- Tennessee Department of Health bars employees from using preferred pronouns

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- Bridgeland to break ground on Memorial Hermann medical office
- Houston Methodist to open smart hospital, eyes growth
- How Cook Children's makes nurses comfortable with AI
- Medical center hospital plans major expansion
- Methodist Health System opens 13th hospital
- Senate panel hears testimony on hospital bollard bill sparked by KXAN
- Stroke recovery tech company MicroTransponder raises \$65M
- Christus hospital CEO to retire
- Christus opens new Texas hospital
- CommonSpirit system in Texas appoints 2 leaders
- George Hernández to be honored with Lifetime Achievement Award
- Inc. 5000 standout Archer Review taps new CEO
- Measles cases reach about 320 total in Texas and New Mexico
- Medical center hospital plans major expansion
- Methodist Healthcare Texas hospital taps CFO
- Tenet hospital names CEO
- Work on Forney's first \$117 million hospital slated to start next month

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- Behavioral health receiving center nearing construction in Logan
- Intermountain Health expands on-demand health care services
- Intermountain margin jumps to 2.2%; CFO focused on 'meeting' demand: 7 notes
- University of Utah to build hospital, medical campus in West Valley City
- U of Utah receives \$75M gift for 1st 'off-campus' hospital
- Utah Hospital Can't Nix EMTALA Claim In Suicide Attempt Suit
- Intermountain Health helps patients take control of kidney health
- Measles vaccinations increase in Utah amid US outbreak
- Seek Labs Appoints Kim Wirthlin as Chief Strategy Officer

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- Amid financial challenges, Valley Vista will consolidate locations, close Vergennes facility
- Lawmakers seek to lower Vermont hospital costs, strengthen health care regulator
- Several Vermont hospitals report another year of multi-million dollar losses
- University of Vermont Health Network Board lacks accountability
- Vt. Senate approves bill expanding power to health care regulator

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- How Inova Health System is using AI to lighten the load on doctors
- How McLean health care startup ShiftMed is helping hospitals save money
- Inova-occupied Virginia medical office building sells at \$3M+ loss
- This Leesburg land was pegged for a new Lidl. Instead, it'll be developed as a stand-alone ER.

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- Eastern, Western Washington Planned Parenthood branches announce merger to expand services
- Green Bay hospitals prepare for patient surges ahead of NFL draft
- Legal battles over federal funding cuts raise questions about the future of research in Seattle
- Opening of shelter, related clinics stirs mixed feelings in Pioneer Square
- Proposed Medicaid cuts threaten rural healthcare in Washington, experts warn
- Providence selects new CIO from UW Health
- Tacoma's MultiCare Announces New Medical Campus in Idaho
- Why Seattle Children's chose Google for its clinical chatbot

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- West Virginia House Health Committee removes religious, philosophical exemptions from vaccine bill
- West Virginia House passes bill to standardize mental health evaluations
- WVU Medicine advocates at State Capitol for healthcare improvements

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- ThedaCare's new hospital in Oshkosh remains on track to open in late 2025
- A birthing center in Waupaca closes in the wake of a health system merger
- Demolition continues at former AMS, UnitedHealth Group campus in Howard
- Evers proposes \$189M for UWM health sciences renovation

- Experts expect self-harm spike in Wisconsin kids after spring break
- GE Healthcare, Nvidia partner on AI-enhanced imaging
- Green Bay hospitals prepare for patient surges ahead of NFL draft
- HSHS to 'transform' 2 Wisconsin hospitals with \$270M investment
- Providence selects new CIO from UW Health
- UW Health to quadruple AI tool users in 2025
- What an aging population means for Aspirus

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- Kemmerer man named Wyoming Nurses Association board member
- UW health sciences administrators join Ivinson Memorial Hospital board
- Gov. Mark Gordon vetoes Wyoming lawmakers' bill declaring abortion is not health care