

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS

****There will be no distribution of this newsletter next week due to the holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!****

NATIONAL

- 21 Joint Commission moves in 2025
- AHA, FBI warn of ransomware group that extorted \$244M
- AMA adopts APM standards to sustain rural hospitals
- AMA moves to bolster physicians' workplace safety, well-being
- As rural hospitals close and strokes increase, focus turns to ambulances
- 'Cardiology is just getting started': Inside the specialty's outpatient surge
- CMS issues guidance on new tax limits to close Medicaid 'loophole': 10 things to know
- CMS issues guidance on Medicaid provider tax overhaul
- 'Come fight with me'—Oz courts physicians skeptical of Medicaid cuts, MAHA's criticisms
- From PillPack to digital health, how General Medicine's founders are building a healthcare storefront
- Healthcare employment trends up: 5 notes
- High-performing nursing homes, by state: US News
- Hospitals are underfunding artificial intelligence governance, report finds
- Medicare premiums set to rise 10% next year, CMS says
- Nonprofit hospitals return \$11 in community benefit for every \$1 in tax breaks: AHA
- 'Not a single magic bullet:' Why some hospitals thrive, others stand still
- Report: Nonprofit hospitals' value to communities more than 11 times federal tax exemption
- Senators spar over ACA subsidies, HSAs at hearing
- Stark law penalties loom despite enforcement lull
- Survey: Rural physician compensation remains out of step with productivity
- Telehealth flexibilities reinstated as government shutdown ends
- The state of rural primary care: 4 notes
- OIG calls out CMS survey enforcement methods

ALABAMA

- Alabama nursing home can stay open, federal judge rules
- Alabama hospital to end inpatient services, lay off 90

- Alabama physician pleads guilty to \$6M fraud scheme
- Birmingham dermatology practice relocates to McCalla
- Construction begins on \$7M specialty surgery center
- Family dentistry practice relocates to Mountain Brook
- Metro ophthalmology company acquires local eye care group
- Nursing home slated for closure after bankruptcy filing will remain open
- Rural hospital plans dozens of layoffs
- Which Alabama hospitals are safest? New report gives low grades to many in the state
- Rural Alabama medical center ending inpatient services, laying off 90 people
- From bump to baby: East Alabama Medical Center's birth navigators make the journey
- Report ranks Alabama among worst states for maternal, infant health
- Alabama infant mortality rate drops as health programs show progress

ALASKA

- Alaska births continue to decline, but some health indicators are positive, state reports say
- False bills, expired meds: Anchorage doctor pleads guilty in \$12M fraud scheme
- Gentle Touch for Mountain View: Chiropractor Specializes in Tiniest Patients
- 'Punishing us': Alaska small-business owners consider next steps amid steep rises in health care costs
- University of Alaska projects up to 10% increase in health care costs this fiscal year
- Alaska legislative committee approves up to \$200 million in federal spending on 'rural health transformation'
- Anchorage doctor and husband plead guilty to more than \$12 million in health care fraud
- Kidney Cancer Disparities Persist Among American Indian and Alaskan Native Patients

ARIZONA

- Arizona Autism to eliminate 2,792 caregivers from payroll, shift workers to contractor status
- Banner Health lifts operating margin to 2.8% through Q3
- Cigna division to lay off Phoenix metro employees in anticipation of acquisition
- HealthyU Clinics sees 998% revenue surge with Phoenix-based physician-led care model
- Here are the 9 safest hospitals in Arizona
- President of Banner Plans talks running insurance at a hospital
- Gallego in Tucson to hear concerns over 'broken' health care system as rising costs loom for Arizonans
- 'Ghost networks' leave Arizona families searching for behavioral health care
- Northern Arizona Healthcare updates Sedona City Council on health care

- 'We'll likely have to sell our house': Arizonans' health care premiums set to skyrocket
- Who's Who in Arizona Healthcare for 2026

ARKANSAS

- Digital Divide Widens for Rural Arkansas Hospitals
- Howard Memorial Hospital CFO Bill Craig Named Financial Executive of the Year
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital Coming to District at Midtown Development
- Little Rock Psychologist Indicted Over Defrauding Insurers More Than \$500K
- Mercy taps president for Northwest Arkansas region
- Methodist Family Health to Open Children's Behavioral Hospital in Jonesboro
- Rhett Stover Named President of Mercy Northwest Arkansas
- Arkansas' Delta Dental Bets on Startups to Improve Oral Care and Efficiency
- Arkansas officials celebrate grand opening of Nursing and Science Center in Morrilton
- University of Arkansas Athletic Department Physician Buys \$2.27M Property

CALIFORNIA

- 5,800 Sharp HealthCare workers to strike in California
- 24,000 nurses with California Nurses Association reach deal with UC
- "Big Beautiful Bill" fallout could be "devastating" to Valley health care, Assembly members say
- California hospitals rank 6th safest in the U.S., report finds. See how San Diego hospitals scored
- California system names CEO
- City of Hope opens new cancer specialty hospital
- Dignity Health California hospital names CEO
- Dignity California hospital CEO to retire after nearly 2 decades
- Discovery Behavioral Health taps CEO
- How Sacramento Health Systems Are Reinventing Care
- Kaiser leader: AI rules shouldn't favor larger organizations
- Kaiser Permanente consolidates 12 EHRs to 2
- Kaiser Permanente, Rooted in Pasadena, Opens New Sports Medicine Center at Intuit Dome
- Multispecialty physician group expands into imaging by adding 36-rad private practice
- MUSD receives Golden Bell Award for partnership with Flying Doctors free community health clinic
- Solano County Kaiser midwives are bargaining for their first union contract
- Sonoma Valley Hospital Reports Positive Results

- Stanford Health Care names mid-revenue cycle VP from Mayo Clinic
- Sutter Health opening \$76 million Arden Care Center near Cal Expo
- Sutter's \$2.8B Silicon Valley plan includes new medical center
- Sutter Health names hospital CEO
- Sutter Health to build record-setting new hospital campus in Santa Clara
- They want to be California's next governor. Here's what they'd do about health care
- TRUE Palliative Care Launches as California Strengthens Commitment to Compassionate Care Under SB 403
- Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan Launches New Initiative to Support Moms and Babies in First Year After Childbirth
- California Democrat pushes for extension of healthcare subsidies
- California Healthcare Union Pushes Billionaire Wealth Tax for 2026 Ballot
- Five rural hospitals launch shared mobile MR program in Northern California
- He built a nursing home empire despite state investigations. Now, lawsuits are piling up
- HealthForce Partners California awarded grants to expand Healthcare Workforce Pathways in Solano
- Thousands of Kaiser Permanente Nurses and Healthcare Workers Continue Five-Day Strike Across California
- University of California reaches tentative contract agreement with RNs

COLORADO

- Colorado system CEO exits after 16 months
- UCHHealth invests \$775K in programs targeting root causes of poor health
- Rate of people in Colorado without health insurance holds steady, despite massive Medicaid drop
- New health data measuring loneliness finds 1 in 5 Coloradans feel disconnected
- Coloradans report improving mental health, struggles with housing affordability in new survey
- UCHHealth Awards \$775,000 to Support 76 Nonprofits Strengthening Community Health Across Colorado
- Federal Cuts To Challenge South Denver Health Care Charity

CONNECTICUT

- Addressing the Healthcare Affordability Crisis in Connecticut
- Conn. hospital system buys ambulance service, adding over 200 staff and over 50 vehicles
- CT hospitals rank top 5 in safety, shows room for improvements, study shows
- CT hospital offers alternative for chronic pain. Docs say it will improve patients' quality of life
- CT ranks 4th nationwide for percentage of hospitals with an A safety grade from Leapfrog
- Hartford HealthCare Recognized for Patient Safety
- Hartford HealthCare seeks state approval to buy Manchester, Rockville hospitals

- Hospital Safety Grades Dip For Yale Health and Day Kimball
- Hyperfine awarded \$3.7M grant to advance global brain health
- NJ and CT hospitals rank among nation's safest, a report finds. NY? Not so much
- Yale New Haven Health completes acquisition of Nelson Ambulance Service
- New H3N2 flu variant overseas raising concerns for DC doctors
- Aetna, UConn Health impasse could impact thousands of Connecticut customers
- Amid relief over Prospect hospital rescues, advocates point to risk of higher health-care costs
- As health insurers slash commissions and trim plan options, CT brokers feel the squeeze
- Hartford HealthCare could add 2 Prospect CT hospitals to its system by year's end
- New CT law extends private health coverage for autism therapy to age 26
- UConn Health Poised To Buy Hospital In \$35M Ch. 11 Deal
- UConn Health wins bankruptcy auction for Waterbury Hospital with \$13 million bid

DC

- Children's National Hospital taps new clinical leadership as 2 longtime execs retire
- DC dials back plan to staff every school with mental health provider
- D.C.'s new hospital still isn't fully open months after patients first arrived
- GW Hospital CEO joins MFA board in FY2024 amid leadership restructuring: tax forms
- Unity Health Care taps Seattle health executive as next CEO
- A terrible grade for DC in new health report on moms and babies

DELAWARE

- ChristianaCare Launches Organoid Core to Personalize Cancer Treatment
- ChristianaCare launches a first-of-its-kind 'tumor-on-a-chip' program
- Meyer details \$1 billion plan for rural health, medical school, homeless shelters using federal funds
- What grades did Delaware hospitals receive this fall?
- Beebe's Doll Therapy Program Brings Comfort, Calm, and Culture Change to Dementia Care
- Beebe Healthcare breaks ground on new surgery center
- ChristianaCare announces gene breakthrough that could reverse chemo resistance
- Delaware Health Information Network names new board members
- Richards Layton Seeks \$36M In Home-Health Poaching Case
- Thomas Jefferson University signs with Delaware to expand medical education

FLORIDA

- 2 physicians debut Florida's 1st GI-focused urgent care
- 4 health systems roll out new hospital-at-home programs in 2025
- AdventHealth receives medication safety award
- AdventHealth buys DeLand shopping center property for \$9M
- Baptist Health in Florida names CEO
- DeSoto Memorial Hospital accepts Tampa General's lease proposal to take over operations
- HCA, AdventHealth boost Florida to 15th in Leapfrog hospital safety rankings
- HCA Florida Poinciana Hospital receives national recognition for exceptional care
- How BayCare lifted operating income 15.7% through Q3
- Irish healthtech firm with St. Pete operations lands private equity backing, merger
- 'Landmark moment' as Sarasota Memorial breaks ground on long-awaited North Port hospital
- Lee Health unveils new outpatient center in Cape Coral
- Millennium Physician Group partners with veriMed Health Group
- Nemours Children's taps new marketing chief
- Orlando Health buys Winter Park property for \$3.3M
- Orlando Health begins 2nd phase of hospital demolition
- Patient asks court to reconsider \$213M reversal in hospital 'Netflix' lawsuit
- Private equity is snapping up health chains. What's next for Florida hospitals?
- Sarasota Memorial breaks ground on \$500 million North Port, Florida hospital
- Tampa General takes over rural DeSoto County hospital
- Telehealth chain files for bankruptcy with millions in debts
- With successful launch, Nemours to expand its at-home care program

GEORGIA

- Crisp Regional Hospital opens new surgery center
- Dunkin' foundation donates \$10k to Emory Proton Therapy Center
- Emory pays over \$57 million for Egleston Hospital
- Emory University acquires former children's hospital on school's Atlanta campus
- Fast-growing urgent care company CRH Healthcare reaches 100 locations
- Georgia earns another 'F' in national report on maternal, infant health
- Piedmont hospital names chief medical officer
- Which Georgia hospitals are safest? New report gives a 'D' and 'F' to these two facilities

- Whiteford Inc. and MedCura Health Inc. plan merger, service expansion
- Many Georgians still struggling to access care despite 2022 Mental Health Parity Act
- Report: 1 in 8 babies in Georgia are born early
- Georgia orthopedic clinic to deploy AI platform

HAWAII

- Adventist Health Castle opens new Hawaii Kai urgent care clinic
- Adventist Health opens fourth urgent care clinic on Oahu, plans further expansion
- Hawaii Department of Health Enhances Medical Cannabis Policies with New Amendments
- Health Care Isn't Just A System. It's A Shared Responsibility
- How Vivia Cares is changing the senior home care model
- Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i awards grants to strengthen food security
- Scott Gallacher appointed chief medical officer at Queen's Medical Center facilities

IDAHO

- 4 health systems roll out new hospital-at-home programs in 2025
- A new autism care model in Idaho
- Blue Cross of Idaho seeks investigation
- End of shutdown brings uncertainty for Idaho family relying on ACA subsidies
- Health Care Collaborations in Southern Idaho Focus on the Common Good
- Idaho seeking \$1B in federal funds for rural health care from 'One Big Beautiful Bill'
- New medical clinic in Idaho Falls provides consolidated care at reduced prices
- North Idaho hospital could end contract with major health insurer that covers state employees
- St. Luke's Health System gains hard dollar ROI with AI scribe

ILLINOIS

- 27 Chicago-area hospitals earn "A" safety grades; others earn "D," "F" grades: Full list
- Budzinski Leads Call for Illinois to Receive Rural Health Transformation Fund Dollars
- Chicago family awarded record \$12.2M verdict in nursing home death case
- CommonSpirit posts -1.6% operating margin in Q1
- CommonSpirit Health's Q1 operations battered by inflationary pressure, reimbursement challenges
- CommonSpirit homes in on supply chain improvements
- CommonSpirit CEO's plan to win the next 2 years
- Court clears way for private equity firm to acquire devicemaker

- Federal healthcare premiums predicted to double in Illinois next year
- Hacker accesses employee emails at Chicago safety-net hospital
- How one Chicago entrepreneur transformed a health challenge into innovation
- Illinois board approves sale of Rockford hospital to Kingdom Authority Church
- Memorial recently ranked one of the best hospitals in Illinois
- Northwestern Medicine to open behavioral health institute with \$25M gift
- OSF HealthCare gets OK to consolidate some obstetrics services
- Rush CEO's approach to health equity with ROI
- Rush surgeon performs 1st thumb joint replacement in US
- St. Anthony Hospital in Chicago Notifies Patients About February Data Breach
- State board approves closing of Alexian Brothers obstetric unit, with a less than ringing endorsement
- State hearing Tuesday on OSF health plans
- UChicago Medicine opens 1st-of-a-kind IBD-focused pregnancy clinic
- UChicago Medicine adapts ambient AI for ED
- \$60K grant to boost medical respite in Southern Illinois
- Abbott Laboratories to buy Exact Sciences for \$21B
- Carle Health, Mary Free Bed partner to expand advanced inpatient rehab in Central Illinois
- Illinois hospital selects Oracle Health for new EHR
- Illinois officials recommend 3 vaccines ahead of peak respiratory virus season
- Illinois OKs Ascension hospital OB unit closure
- Local leaders, OSF react to state board's approval of consolidation plan
- National non-profit gives out grades for Central Illinois hospitals
- Rockford dental clinic gets grant to expand care for patients with disabilities
- Southern 7 Health expands dental education with new grant
- State review board approves Mercyhealth partnership with FHN, sale of former Rockford hospital building

INDIANA

- 73 Indiana hospitals have been graded for patient safety by The Leapfrog Group. Here's how they scored
- A last-of-its-kind merger in Indiana: The week in hospital M&A
- Family says Indiana hospital discharged mom in labor, leading to roadside birth
- Franciscan Health saves \$45M with EHR migration
- Franciscan Health to build \$60M, 40-bed rehab hospital on south Indy campus

- Franciscan Health unveils high-tech simulation room
- Labcorp agrees to acquire select Parkview Health lab assets
- Orthopedic surgeon takes blunt approach to reforming care
- Roche preparing to launch Alzheimer's blood test
- Indiana health leaders tackle growing diabetes crisis affecting nearly 700,000 Hoosiers
- MDwise laying off 238 employees and closing Indiana office
- Beacon Health System Names New Elkhart General Hospital President
- UE, Riley partner on mental health training initiative
- Schneck's CEO Honored For Statewide Advocacy By Indiana Hospital Association

IOWA

- Former UI Hospitals & Clinics director John Colloton dies at 94
- Iowa Board of Pharmacy issues fine to Marion pharmacy for drug dispensing error
- Iowa nursing home owner faces 17 claims over resident deaths or harm in 16 months
- UI Health Care, HACAP partner to address food insecurity among cancer patients
- UI Health Care net operating revenue \$9.3M below expectations in first quarter
- UIHC nurses allowed to use first name, last initial on badges; stickers still banned
- UnityPoint Health progresses on construction of \$39.8M ASC
- UnityPoint Health 1st to join Mayo Clinic's new AI network
- 11 Waverly Health Center EMTs, paramedics sue Iowa hospital over unpaid shift differential
- Insight calls Miller-Meeks funding a 'turning point' for bringing hospital back to Keokuk
- Insurers clash over \$49M in UI Children's Hospital window feud
- Iowa ranks 48th in U.S. for hospital safety
- John Colloton, former UI Hospitals & Clinics director, dies at 94
- Jones Regional Medical Center one of eight Iowa projects funded in federal spending package
- Methodist Family Health to Open Children's Behavioral Hospital in Jonesboro
- Patient information shared in new hospital, EMS data exchange to improve quality, continuity of care
- UnityPoint hospital's trauma center status on probation

KANSAS

- A Kansas hospital sued this family over a \$230 medical bill. Some patients went to court for less
- HaysMed, Gove County Medical Center announce partnership to strengthen health care in Quinter, beyond
- Kansas hospital seeks county financial aid

- New policy change would make it easier for Kansas nurses to afford malpractice insurance
- Pratt Regional Medical Center asks for county's help to stay afloat
- Tuberculosis outbreak in Kansas City, KS area declared over

KENTUCKY

- 7 Ky hospitals, nonprofits get \$2M in pediatric cancer family support
- AdventHealth Kentucky hospital taps new CFO
- Commonwealth Pain & Spine opens 15,000-square-foot surgery center
- Norton CEO: Calling health care “unaffordable” could drive patients away
- Only 2 Louisville-area hospitals earn top safety grades, and neither is in the city
- Surgical glove maker selects Louisville for \$5.8M facility
- UofL Health to lay off 1% of workforce
- UofL oncology social work expert leads national effort to transform cancer patient support
- What grade did Kentucky hospitals get in safety? Nonprofit ranks healthcare systems
- Norton West Louisville Hospital helps thousands since opening
- Kentucky Hospitals partner with local farmers to provide healthy food choices

LOUISIANA

- Ochsner’s new medical school taps leadership team
- Louisiana’s health department names Medicaid director
- New Orleans unlicensed nurse arrested
- New reproductive health clinic opens in New Orleans
- Nursing homes turn to doll therapy to soothe Alzheimer’s patients
- What are the best hospitals in Louisiana for patient safety?

MAINE

- 2025 Excellence in Long Term Care Awards presented to 20 Maine caregivers
- Four providers, two data exchanges sued over high cost of medical record access in Maine
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care and Northern Light Health Partner to Bring Affordable Health Care Options to Residents of Northern Maine
- Maine Family Planning launches \$6.5 million fundraising effort in response to federal funding cuts
- MaineHealth offers relief for new mothers with South Portland donor breastmilk dispensary
- NMMC nurses divided over union representation
- Northern Maine Medical Center launches COMPASS telemedicine service to enhance local access to specialist care

- Nurses at Houlton Regional Hospital go on strike amid staffing, patient safety concerns
- Aroostook County loses trans-friendly primary care
- MaineHealth gets \$1.6M challenge gift from David Shaw to address youth mental health crisis
- MaineHealth receives \$2.1 million NIH grant to join pediatric research network
- New peer center in Brunswick offers free mental health support
- Northern Light Health partners with Harvard Pilgrim Health Care to expand coverage
- PCHC expands its mental health services amid long waits for help

MARYLAND

- New health system head aims to boost specialty care in Harford County
- Maryland task force deems natural psychedelics safe for mental health, chronic pain treatments
- 13 Maryland Hospitals Earn 'A' Grades in Fall 2025 Safety Rankings
- Maryland is removing medical debt from credit scores. The feds say not so fast.
- 'It's not enough': Montgomery Co. faces high student-to-counselor ratios despite mental health push
- 8 things to know: Howard County hospital kicks off \$28M project

MASSACHUSETTS

- 'A feel-good place': New health system emerges from Steward bankruptcy
- Baystate offers buyouts, citing OBBBA
- Boston biotech cuts 65% of workforce as it explores sale or merger
- By rethinking short-stay care, Boston hospital cuts ED boarding time by 42%
- French radiopharmaceutical firm sites 'global HQ' in Boston, and other life science news
- Mass. health system to offer buyouts as part of turnaround plan
- Massachusetts hospital nurses reach tentative labor deal
- Which Massachusetts hospitals are safest? New report gives a 'D' to these 4 facilities
- Another Massachusetts economic official heads to Flagship
- Auxilium announces first group of Innovation Studio participants, inks partnership with Venture Forum
- Cambridge biotech Repare Therapeutics agrees to go private in Xeno deal
- CDC awards UMass Chan \$2M to study GLP-1 lifestyle changes
- Charles River Labs cutting 68 jobs at Massachusetts headquarters
- Charles River Labs gets SEC clearance on monkey trade probe
- Curium moves HQ to Boston, and other Massachusetts biotech news
- Health care workplace violence protections in Mass.: New law under consideration

- House passes proposed bill to make assaulting a hospital worker a felony
- How the fall of Steward Health Care shaped private equity's presence in hospitals
- Leapfrog gives 17 MA hospitals 'A' grade for safety, 4 given 'D' grade
- Mass. wants to transform rural health care. But it needs the feds to help fund it
- Massachusetts home hospital programs reopen following government shutdown
- Moderna to bring drug manufacturing to Norwood campus
- Moderna secures \$1.5B loan as it targets 2028 breakeven goal
- Novartis picks Durham over Dallas for 700-job expansion
- Sarepta Duchenne gene therapy Elevidys gets FDA safety warning
- Sensei Biotherapeutics lays off 65% of staff, seeks sale
- Thermo Fisher opens cell and gene therapy center in Philadelphia
- Valo Health lands \$3B Merck deal for Parkinson's drug discovery

MICHIGAN

- 'Everyone is dabbling in it': Henry Ford Health leans into direct-to-employer care
- Henry Ford Health joins direct care startup making inroads in Michigan
- Lansing area hospital safety grades remain steady in new report, but Michigan drops
- McLaren hospital names chief medical officer
- Michigan hospital grades drop as state slides to 35th place for safety
- Michigan Medicine promotes CNO to operations role
- New bills in Michigan Senate could help patients tackle medical debt
- New Michigan bills would shield medical debt from credit reports and expand charity care
- Report concludes that financial resources are the biggest driver of Michigan health outcomes
- Surgeon demand for Shoulder Innovations device drives 58% growth in Q3
- Trinity Health more than doubles operating income in Q1
- Long-awaited University of Michigan Pavilion hospital to accept patients by end of year
- Michigan lawmakers introducing legislation aimed at reducing medical costs
- How safe is your hospital? Check Leapfrog Group grades, including for metro Detroit

MINNESOTA

- Health system continues asking physicians to sign contract with noncompete amid AG investigation
- Inside a Minnesota system's leadership restructuring
- Medica acquires 300K insurance plans as UCare seeks to wind down business

- Minnesota seeks \$1 billion in federal funds for rural health care
- CRMC recognized with Minnesota Hospital Association award
- Inside the \$1 billion deal between the University of Minnesota Physicians group and Fairview
- MDH: Public hearing set for Dec. 2 on changes in services provided at Allina Health Faribault Medical Center
- Minnesota applies for \$1B in rural health care funds, but it won't offset massive Medicaid cuts
- Minnesota hospital still pushing noncompetes, despite AG investigation
- More U doctors' group leaders dismissed as tensions over 'secret' Fairview deal escalate
- Sanford Westbrook Awarded Level 4 Trauma Hospital Designation
- U of M blasts \$1B, 10-year deal between Fairview, M Physicians
- UCare to transfer 300,000 members to Medica in wind-down deal
- What's new with Optum? 9 updates in 3 months

MISSISSIPPI

- Gov. Tate Reeves withholds details of anticipated \$500 million rural health plan as other states go public
- Sisters in Birth Launches Capital Campaign to Build Birth Centers in Mississippi
- Which Mississippi hospitals are safest? New report gives high grades to many in the state
- 5 Baptist Memorial hospitals in Mississippi earn 'A' grade for patient safety
- Baptist Urgent Care opening new Olive Branch clinic
- Insurance contracts with UnitedHealthcare expire at Mobile hospital
- Mississippi businessman pleads guilty to health care fraud conspiracy
- Mississippi to receive roughly \$41 million after judge approves settlement for Oxycontin maker
- Mississippi Receives F Grade in March of Dimes 2025 Report Card on Maternal and Infant Health
- Mississippi works to decrease HPV-related cancers by 2030

MISSOURI

- Former employees of closed St. Louis nursing home are still waiting on unpaid wages
- Lake Regional Health opens \$18M ASC in Missouri
- Mercy, Microsoft partnership revives 'invisible care'
- St. Louis Children's Hospital plans large facility in St. Charles County
- Missouri still among worst states for infant, maternal health as new Medicaid cuts loom
- Missouri invests in veteran mental health with new report
- Long hours, tough calls are way of life for 2 rural Missouri EMS stations
- Children's Mercy announces plans to build a new pediatric clinic on Mercy's south Springfield Campus

MONTANA

- Billings Clinic and Bozeman Health partner to boost access
- Providence, University of Montana team up to tackle rural health crisis
- Butte doctor to lead Montana Medical Association
- Cedar Creek clinic in Bozeman to close Dec. 1, disrupting addiction care
- Montana Hospital Builds a Rural Physician Pipeline
- Sidney Health Center recognized for Performance Improvement award

NEBRASKA

- A small-town Nebraska nursing home closed. Its former director faces state punishment.
- Nebraska AG's lawsuit over Change Healthcare breach moves forward
- Nebraska health system taps Epic to join national TEFCA exchange
- Nebraska's lawsuit against Optum and Change Healthcare can move forward, judge rules
- New Omaha paramedics graduate as Nebraska faces EMS crisis

NEVADA

- 24-hour telemedicine company launches in Las Vegas
- Carson Valley Health becomes Nevada's first Level IV Trauma Center
- Data Breaches Announced by Sun Valley Surgery Center & American Associated Pharmacies
- Governor Lombardo and Nevada Health Authority apply for federal rural health care funding
- How this Las Vegas ASC is building a competitive edge
- Local veteran-owned clinic partners with VA Hospital
- Nevada ASC suffers data breach affecting 27,000+ individuals
- Southern Nevada Health District launches new respiratory illness dashboard
- Renown Crisis Care Center reopens in Sparks

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Argosy Healthcare Partners Backs IS Benefits in Strategic Recapitalization Deal
- For people in this New England town, a health center's closure leaves questions
- New Hampshire ASC adds total joint surgery program
- New Hampshire cardiologist champions women's heart health

NEW JERSEY

- 4 health systems roll out new hospital-at-home programs in 2025

- City officials move to prevent N.J. hospital from becoming housing
- Heights University Hospital in Jersey City is closing after failing to get funding
- New Jersey hospital closes, ER services remain
- New Jersey hospital files closure plan
- New Jersey Ranks Third in Nation for Hospital Safety in Fall 2025 Leapfrog Report
- NJ and CT hospitals rank among nation's safest, a report finds. NY? Not so much
- RWJBarnabas Health Hospitals Earn Top Patient Safety Scores from The Leapfrog Group
- Advocates demand action on bill to cap soaring hospital costs in NJ
- Growing Support Indicates Urgent Need to Pass Health Care Accountability Legislation
- Health insurer Horizon settles with New Jersey for \$100M stemming from health care overpayment allegations
- Major New Jersey Behavioral Healthcare Provider Leaving State, Laying Off 572 Workers
- Morrison Healthcare's new pediatric dining program is all about comfort and joy
- Newark's La Casa de Don Pedro opens \$1.2M El Barrio Wellness
- Pharmacy Co., Ex-Worker Resolve Overtime Suit
- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton Unveils New Helistop
- The payer 'shenanigans' plaguing revenue cycle leaders
- Virtua Health says its first in state to offer minimally invasive weight-loss procedure using magnetic technology

NEW MEXICO

- Lifepoint New Mexico hospital taps interim CEO
- Politics Check: How bad is New Mexico's shortage of medical professionals?

NEW YORK

- 1 dead in New York hospital shooting
- 4 health systems roll out new hospital-at-home programs in 2025
- Burke Rehabilitation earns cancer rehab award
- Eastern Union Arranges \$33.4M Acquisition Loan for Brooklyn Medical Office Building
- Mercy Health, Cityblock to expand Medicaid behavioral health access
- Mount Sinai inks 3-year AI partnership with Nvidia
- MVP to add Buffalo-area health insurer through affiliation
- New York hospital faces exodus of anesthesiologists after department chief fired
- New York hospital turns page with 3rd leader in 66 years
- NewYork-Presbyterian launches hospital at home

- NJ and CT hospitals rank among nation's safest, a report finds. NY? Not so much
- Northwell cuts few roles systemwide
- NYC Health + Hospitals to take over city's co-response program in 2026
- NYC Health + Hospitals taps clinical operations VP
- NYC Health + Hospitals invests \$30.5M in smart beds to improve patient safety
- NYU Langone grows revenue to \$15.4B in FY25, operating margin holds at 3.1%
- OIG launches PDPM audits and wants first nursing home it reviewed to repay \$31M
- Physician sentenced to 7 years for \$24M healthcare fraud
- Brooklyn rehab center patients blast what they say is the facility's lack of care
- Independent Health to join with MVP Health in new affiliation
- Kaleida Health names Karen Blount to lead Buffalo General, GVI
- Metsera acquisition 'could be a key tailwind' for Pfizer
- New York state hospital leader is ready to pass the baton
- Northwell Health and K Health collaborate on AI-Powered Virtual Care Platform
- Trustees of Maimonides hospital sue to block NYC takeover

NORTH CAROLINA

- Advocate Health launches clinical trial network
- Arc Health acquires Clarity Counseling Center
- Cone Health taps market president
- Developer readies \$30M second phase of sports medicine campus in south Charlotte
- Duke Health researchers announces breakthrough in breast cancer vaccine trial
- Duke Health delivers AEDs by drone
- Eye surgeon, DHHS clash over CON law's future in North Carolina
- Fast-growing Raleigh medical group files to go public
- Gov. Stein visits Greenville to discuss medical debt relief program
- Is NC law limiting health services constitutional? Judges weigh question in New Bern ophthalmology case.
- Labcorp continues acquisition spree in deal with fast-growing Midwest health system
- Medical device startup backed by Ricoh expands R&D space in Winston-Salem
- Michael Jordan gifts \$10M to Novant Health hospital
- Novant is first health system in Carolinas to offer 'phenomenal' ultrasound treatments for liver cancer
- Pharma giant picks NC over Texas for 700 jobs

- Real estate firm acquires North Carolina ASC property
- Triangle public company building new facility, plans 60 new jobs
- New Bern eye surgeon's challenge of NC law could upend how health care facilities are regulated
- Parents win pause on NC Medicaid cuts they say threatened children's progress
- Judge halts Medicaid reimbursement cuts for autism services in North Carolina

NORTH DAKOTA

- Sanford Health opens new gastroenterology suites
- Sanford Health Plan President and CEO to Lead Discussion on Future of Medicare Advantage and Value-Based Care
- Sanford Health opens GI suites in North Dakota surgery center
- Unity Medical Center builds rural education into its walls — and its mission

OHIO

- Arc Health acquires Clarity Counseling Center
- Arista Recovery expands to Ohio
- Central Ohio hospital faces backlash over surge in patient lawsuits
- Central Ohio hospitals, ranked by FY24 financial performance
- Cleveland Clinic bridges physical, mental health for epilepsy patients
- Cleveland Clinic Q3 operating margin jumps to 4.5%: 5 things to know
- Cleveland Clinic property sales buck statewide rise in tax-exempt real estate
- Dayton natives challenge traditional healthcare model with innovative wellness company
- Gene therapy invented at Children's gets strongest FDA label after patient deaths
- New Dublin hospital contributes to strong year for Mount Carmel
- OhioHealth plans \$65M expansion to hospital with its busiest suburban ER
- Ohio law could change over medical debt collection as hospital sues thousands of patients
- Ohio House passes bill to modernize non-profit laws
- Ohio State to train 127,000 psychedelic crisis response providers
- Parkridge Medical Center looks to establish freestanding emergency room in Cleveland
- Summa Health tallies its 2024 community benefits contribution
- 'The future of medicine': Cincinnati Children's dedicates new \$60M center in Sharonville
- UC Health broadens Medline partnership
- Why Cleveland Clinic's CEO is bullish on the next era of medicine

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- Oklahoma fined \$928K over mental health treatment delays
- Oklahoma mental health agency buys vacant OKC hospital for Griffin Memorial relocation
- SSM Health facility set to be purchased improving behavioral health care, ODMHSAS officials say
- VA takes ownership of new downtown Tulsa hospital
- Oklahoma agency agrees to buy land in SW Oklahoma City for mental health hospital
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- OSDH warns parents of ByHeart infant formula recall

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- CommonSpirit names Northwest region president
- Mercy Health, Cityblock to expand Medicaid behavioral health access
- Oregon vies for \$1B from federal government for rural hospitals
- Providence Oregon lays off more than 150 workers in latest round of job cuts
- Providence St. Vincent names COO
- Union representing 8K OHSU workers 'overwhelmingly' authorizes a strike
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- Oregon Health Authority flags 5 health plans, providers for unreasonable spending
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PENNSYLVANIA

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- Biolyst Scientific closing Montgomery County site, impacting 76 employees
- How Independence Health System picked WVU Medicine
- Jefferson health plan losses drag down Q1 performance
- Jefferson Health reported a \$104 million operating loss in first quarter of fiscal 2026
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- Penn State Health names new CIO
- Pennsylvania budget erases \$50M in proposed funding for life sciences industry
- Pennsylvania system taps chief access officer
- Physician resignations spur service pause at Pennsylvania hospital
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- UHS sets dividend
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- Thermo Fisher opens cell and gene therapy center in Philadelphia
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- Brown Surgical Associates adds 7 new surgeons
- Centurion warns R.I. regulators: Alternative buyers threaten hospital sale
- CVS pharmacist guild alleges union-busting activities, unsafe practices
- Does outsourcing IT make Epic implementations smoother?
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- Neronha issues warning on dangers of 'junk' insurance plans
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- Saint Anne's Hospital awarded excellence in robotics accreditation
- Tentative deal to keep Roger Williams and Fatima open through December in the works
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- McLeod Orthopaedics adds Dr. Paul Weatherby
- Roots Integrative Medicine buys West Columbia office
- SC Launch invests \$300K in ElectroWire Medical startup
- SC pays \$375K to settle MUSC lawsuit alleging improper delivery procedures
- These SC hospitals are the most unsafe for 2025. See if your hospital is listed

- SC is seeking \$1B for rural health care. Here's what the state wants to do with the federal money.
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- Ardent Health OKs \$50M share buyback
- Ardent Health racks up \$2.9M in Epic expenses
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TEXAS

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- Goldman Sachs provides gift to \$5 billion pediatric campus
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- Nexus Health System promotes Erin Cassidy to CEO post
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