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#### **TOP STORIES**

## **Biden Proposes Rural Emergency Hospital Rule**

The Rural Emergency Hospital designation proposed by the Biden administration would enable a facility to offer emergency care, observation and other outpatient services in underserved areas.

Source: Fierce Healthcare, Becker's Hospital Review, Bloomberg Law

# Bank of America Pledges \$40M to Expand Care Access to Underserved Communities

The bank will focus on expanding community health centers and primary care facilities in underserved communities across the U.S. by partnering with nonprofit community development financial institutions.

Source: Bank of America, Fierce Healthcare, Black Enterprise

## **Hospital Mergers are Challenging Facilities Management**

Industry experts say a lack of data is leaving healthcare systems at a disadvantage managing portfolios

Source: JLL

# Revenue, Volume Bump Not Enough to Turn Around Hospital Margins in May

Hospitals and systems were in the red for the fifth straight month in May, according to consulting firm Kaufman Hall's National Hospital Flash Report.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, Fierce Healthcare, Kaufman Hall

# Health System's Social Needs Program Reduced Utilization, But at Steep Cost

Contra Costa Health Services' social needs program reduced inpatient admissions among its highest risk Medicaid patients by 11%, but did little to dent the program's \$22.4 million price tag.

Source: Fierce Healthcare, Axios

#### **SSM Health Acquires SLU Academic Medical Practice**

SSM Health has acquired SLUCare Physician Group, the academic medical practice of St. Louis University, adding 600-plus faculty, academic medical professionals and staff to its team.

Source: Fierce Healthcare, Becker's Healthcare Review

#### **Exeter Health Resources to Join Beth Israel Lahey Health**

Exeter Health Resources in New Hampshire and Cambridge, Mass.-based Beth Israel Lahey Health signed a definitive agreement to establish terms under which Exeter would join BILH.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, Beth Israel Lahey Health

Green Bay, Wis-based Bellin Health and La Crosse, Wis.-based Gundersen Health are set to complete a merger that would create an 11-hospital system across four states.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, Door County Pulse

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## **Edward-Elmhurst Health Forms Medical Group with 650 Clinicians**

Naperville, III.-based Edward-Elmhurst Medical Group will be one of the largest physician groups in the Chicagoland area, with 650 clinicians, both hospital-based and ambulatory providers.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review

#### Michigan Legislation Paves the Way for Private Companies to Buy **Community Hospitals**

Legislation clearing an easier path for North Ottawa Community Health System to possibly merge into Trinity Health has cleared the Legislature and now awaits Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's signature.

Source: MiBiz

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## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

## **What Monkeypox Means for Environmental Services**

The CDC says patients diagnosed with monkeypox rarely become sick enough to be hospitalized. Yet a new study on viral DNA on surfaces in monkeypox patients' hospital rooms underscores the need strong infection control protocols.

Source: Fierce Healthcare; Healthcare Facilities Today

## **Police Kill Armed Patient at Baylor Scott & White Hospital**

Police fatally shot a patient in the emergency wing of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center-Irving after he opened fire on officers.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth, The Dallas Morning News

## **Patient Dead in Las Vegas Hospital Stabbing**

A patient at University Medical Center in Las Vegas stabbed two other patients, killing

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, KVVU, KSNV

#### **Man Shoots into Florida Hospital**

Police charged a suspect with firing into the fourth-floor window of Broward Health Coral Springs hospital from his car.

Source: CBS Miami, Becker's Hospital Review

#### Former Wyo. Hospital Employee Caught Snooping in Patient Medical **Records**

A former Cheyenne Regional Medical Center employee improperly accessed patient health records between Aug. 31, 2020, and May 26, 2022.

## **Senior Care Facilities to Provide Safer Environment for Residents**

Senior care facilities are addressing four main areas of safety concerns to better protect residents

Source: Healthcare Facilities Today, CMS

#### **OSHA Extends COVID-19 Program for Healthcare Facilities**

OSHA is extending its **Revised National Emphasis Program** for COVID-19 as it says a rise in hospitalizations is reinforcing the need to continue prioritizing inspections at hospitals, assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Source: Healthcare Facilities Today

#### **Ohio Legislation Aims to Prevent Healthcare Workplace Violence**

Legislation introduced in the Ohio Statehouse would direct health care employers to develop and implement a workplace violence prevention plan within six months.

Source: Safety + Health Magazine

## **NY House Introduces Hospital Workplace Violence Bill**

The Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees Act (SAVE Act, H.R. 7961) — would give health care workers legal protections against assault and intimidation.

Source: Greater New York Hospital Association, American Hospital Association

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#### **INNOVATION**

# With Cerner Acquisition, Oracle Aims to Build National Medical Records System

On the heels of its \$28 billion Cerner acquisition, Oracle chairman Larry Ellison has announced plans to build a national medical records database. Yet previous data-sharing efforts have been stymied by operational and technical barriers.

Source: Fierce Healthcare, MedCity New, Healthcare Dive, Becker's Health IT

## **Sensor Industry Sees Opportunities in Healthcare**

The sensor industry sees big opportunities to use radar technology to monitor health while providing more privacy than cameras.

Source: Fierce Healthcare

# Some VC Investors See Economic Downturn as Good for Digital Health

Current trends indicate a market correction is underway. But some venture capital investors say they are excited about this market "reset," as it represents an opportunity for mission-driven founders to thrive.

Source: Fierce Healthcare

## **Proximie Secures \$80 Million to Expand Virtual OR Platform**

The global health tech company is scaling up its virtual surgery platform, which allows surgeons to connect virtually to any operating room.

Source: Fierce Healthcare

#### **ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY**

## Health Sector Leaders Pledge to Reduce GHG Emissions 50% by 2030

Sixty-one of the largest U.S. hospital and health sector companies responded to the Administration's Health Sector Climate Pledge, committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030.

Source: White House, Becker's Hospital Review

# Hospitals' Fossil Fuel Use Trending Downward, But Electricity Use Tsn't

Energy and water benchmarking study finds average carbon footprint remaining fairly steady

Source: Building Construction + Design

## **Healthcare, Pharma to See Rising Climate Risks**

Healthcare and pharmaceutical companies have a large impact on the climate, although their vulnerability to climate-related credit risks varies.

Source: Fitch Ratings

#### **AMFP NEWS**

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## **BUILDING, BUYING, SELLING**

#### Healthcare Delivery is Evolving: What That Means for CRE

Driven by advancing technology, increasing competition and pricing pressure, healthcare delivery is rapidly moving off the hospital campus to an ambulatory setting. This provides great opportunity for real estate developers ready to reconstruct the healthcare real estate landscape.

Source: REJournals

#### **Buy or Lease? Real Estate Considerations for Healthcare**

The conversation about whether to buy or lease an existing facility is complicated and requires input from facility managers.

Source: Healthcare Facilities Today

## New York Hospitals Still Rebuilding 10 Years After Superstorm Sandy

New York City is overseeing a \$1.7 billion capital improvement plan at four sites owned by NYC Health + Hospitals that were damaged in 2012.

Source: Healthcare Facilities Today

# More than 50 Million Sq. Ft. of MOB Development in Construction Pipeline

Strong demand for health services is driving medical office development across the U.S. Source: Wealth Management

#### Pandemic, Population Growth Spurs Hospital Building Boom in San Antonio Area

Nearly every hospital system in San Antonio has scheduled what might be considered major operations aimed at closing the distance between local residents and acute care

Source: San Antonio Report, Connect CRE

## **UPMC Presbyterian Breaks Ground on Largest Hospital in Pittsburgh**

The \$1.5 billion, 1.2 million-square-foot project will fill 17 stories, creating a curving glass tower that will transform the Oakland, Pa., skyline when it opens in 2026.

Source: Next Pittsburgh, TRIB Live, WTAE, Becker's Hospital Review

#### Georgia Hospital Expands with \$400 Million Project

Northside Hospital Gwinnett in Lawrenceville, Ga., is expanding its ambulatory surgery offerings with a \$400 million patient tower and medical office building.

Source: Becker's ASC Review, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

#### California Hospital Approved for \$333 Million Expansion

**Inland Valley Medical Center** in Wildomar, Calif., received unanimous approval from the city council for a \$333 million expansion project

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, Healthcare Design magazine

#### **Sentara Hospital Campus Construction Costs on the Rise**

Sentara Healthcare's new hospital campus being planned in Elizabeth City, N.C., will now cost \$200 million, up from \$158 million, because of supply chain issues and inflation.

Source: The Daily Advance, Becker's Hospital Review

#### **Ascension Opens Florida Hospital**

St. Louis-based Ascension St. Vincent's opened its first hospital in St. Johns County, Fla., a 150,000-square-foot, 56-bed, \$175 million facility.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, Jacksonville Daily Record

## **Novant Health Begins \$169 Million Expansion Project**

Novant Health Matthews Medical Center in North Carolina broke ground on a four-story, 150,000-square-foot tower and 50,000-square-foot renovation project.

Source: Healthcare Facilities Today, Novant Health, Hospital Management

## \$148 Million UF Health North Project in Review

Jacksonville, Fla., is reviewing a permit application for a Batson-Cook and Danis joint venture to build the \$148 million UF Health North third-phase 124-bed addition.

Source: Jacksonville Daily Record

#### **UofL Health Begins Upgrade to UofL Hospital**

University of Louisville Health broke ground on a seven-story tower to anchor a \$144 million modernization and expansion to UofL Hospital.

Source: Healthcare Facilities Today

## **Hospital Deal Revived for \$160 Million**

Nursing home operator Allure Group has bought the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Bay Ridge, N.Y., for \$160 million.

Source: The Real Deal

#### Two Chicago Area Hospitals Sell For \$92 Million

Michigan-based Resilience Healthcare will manage operations for the real estate associated with Weiss Memorial Hospital and West Suburban Medical Center. Source: The Real Deal

## **Kentucky Health System Sets Stage for Expansion**

Lexington-based **University of Kentucky HealthCare** is purchasing 27 acres of property for a medical campus at a cost of \$20.3 million.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, UK Healthcare

# Select Medical, Inova Health System to Open Virginia Critical Illness Recovery Hospital

The 32-bed specialty hospital will open in the first half of 2023 and be located within Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

Source: Street Insider, Hospital Management

#### **Providence Health Considers Cutting Office Space**

Providence is looking at an opportunity to reduce its administrative real estate footprint at its headquarters in Renton, Wash., as it embraces hybrid work.

Source: Becker's Hospital Review, Puget Sound Business Journal

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#### **MORE TO EXPLORE**

- How Hospitals Should Prepare for the End to Public Health Emergency Becker's Hospital Review
- Prioritizing Facility Needs: Fundamental Strategies Healthcare Facilities Today
- Physician Lounges are Dying: How Hospitals Now Foster Connection Becker's Hospital Review
- VA Campus Rethinks Facilities to Address Homeless Veterans Healthcare Facilities Today
- Minimize Property Taxation of Medical Office Buildings REBusiness Online
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Hosted by AMFP North Texas September 15, 2022 – Dallas

## **Healthcare Facilities Symposium**

Organized by JD Events September 27-29, 2022 – Long Beach, California

## **Healthcare Design Conference + Expo**

Hosted by Emerald Expo October 8-11, 2022 - San Antonio, Texas

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