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# HEALTH FACILITIES MONITOR

*What You Need to Know Now*

## TOP STORIES

### National Hospital Occupancy Could Hit "Dangerous" 85% Threshold by 2032

Findings from researchers with the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine show that the country's hospitals have already shifted from mean occupancy of about 64% through 2009 to 2019 to 75% in the year following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Source: [Fierce Healthcare](#), [JAMA Network Open](#)

### The States That Would Be the Hardest Hit by Medicaid Cuts

Almost 11 million people would become uninsured if Medicaid expansion states can't fulfill spending obligations left by potential federal Medicaid cuts, according to a Feb. 24 analysis from the Urban Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Source: [Becker's Payer Issues](#)

### Hospital Construction Costs Stabilize

Materials prices slow, but long lead times remain a factor for building technology and equipment

Source: [Health Facilities Management](#)

### What HHS' Public Comment Rollback Means for Hospitals

HHS' move to revoke a policy that requires public notice and comment on certain agency decisions could affect the National Institutes of Health and Medicaid.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [CBS News](#)



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## SAFETY & SECURITY

### Nurses Recount Armed Attack at UPMC Hospital

A gunman who held ICU staff members hostage at UPMC Memorial Hospital and killed a police officer, along with injuring several others, was told that his loved one had died in the hospital prior to the shooting.

Source: [Fierce Healthcare](#), [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

### 1 Injured in HonorHealth Hospital Shooting

A security guard was injured in a shooting at HonorHealth Scottsdale (Ariz.) Shea Medical Center on March 2, police confirmed.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

## ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

### The Strategic Advantages of Building All-Electric Hospitals

As health care organizations navigate an era of rapid innovation, environmental responsibility, and cost optimization, the adoption of all-electric building systems presents a transformative opportunity.

Source: [DOTmed](#)

## TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

### How Smart Rooms Attract Talent to Indiana Health System

Retrofitting about 250 hospital rooms with smart technology has helped boost recruitment and retention at Richmond, Ind.-based Reid Health.

Source: [Becker's Health IT](#)

### The Value of Digital Twins

How this emerging technology can support daily, collaborative health care operations.

Source: [Health Facilities Management](#)

### NYU Langone 1st System to Add Amazon's Palm-Scanning Tech for Check-Ins

New York City-based NYU Langone Health is the first system to install Amazon's palm-scanning technology for patient check-ins. Amazon One's technology combines palm and vein imagery for biometric matching that is reportedly 100 times more accurate than two irises.

Source: [Becker's Health IT](#), [Amazon](#)

## BUILDING, BUYING, SELLING

- **NATIONAL**

### Private Equity Firm to Buy Walgreens for \$10B

A private equity firm is set to close a \$10 billion Walgreens buyout, people familiar with the deal told the Wall Street Journal. According to the report, terms involve Sycamore Partners taking ownership of the struggling pharmacy chain.

Source: [Health Exec](#), [Fierce Healthcare](#), [Becker's Hospital CFO Report](#)

### 10 Medical Office Building Portfolio Sells for \$108M

A portfolio of 10 medical office buildings across Arizona, Illinois, Massachusetts, Tennessee and Texas has sold for \$108 million. The 10 outpatient facilities total 300,000 square feet in space.

Source: [Becker's ASC Review](#), [Commercial Property Executive](#), [Boston Real Estate Times](#)

**Humana's CenterWell Unit Plans Further Expansion in 2025**

Humana's senior-focused primary care division is charting a course for further expansion throughout 2025, the company announced. Those expansion plans include centers in four new markets: Augusta and Savannah in Georgia, North Carolina's Triad Region and Wichita, Kansas.

Source: [Fierce Healthcare](#)

**Why MOBs Are Still a Strong Bet for Investors**

Medical outpatient buildings are poised for double-digit growth, according to JLL's latest research. A surge in outpatient demand, spurred by an aging population with even greater health-care services needs and increasing disease prevalence, puts outpatient volumes in the U.S. on track to grow by 10.6% over the next five years.

Source: [Commercial Property Executive](#), [ConnectCRE](#)

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• **NORTHEAST**

**New Jersey Hospital Advances Plan for \$3B Expansion**

Cooper University Health Care is preparing to launch the first phase of its planned \$3-billion expansion, dubbed “Project Imagine,” which involves building three towers at its Camden, N.J., Health Sciences Campus. The plan for the first phase calls for construction of a 10-story, 345,000-sq-ft patient tower.

Source: [ENREast](#)

**N.J. Hospital Expansion Angers Neighbors, Prompting Changes to \$1B Plan**

Plans for a proposed \$1 billion expansion to Morristown Medical Center have undergone significant changes after residents and local officials shared misgivings about the project

worsening traffic, causing a public nuisance, and towering over nearby buildings, reports Atlantic Health.

Source: [NJ.com](#)

### **Mount Sinai Hospital Unveils \$50M ED Expansion to Cut Wait Times**

Mount Sinai South Nassau, a 455-bed hospital in Oceanside, N.Y., opened a newly renovated emergency department that doubles its previous capacity. The \$50 million expansion aims to cut wait times and enhance the patient experience at one of Long Island's busiest hospitals.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

### **Encompass Health Seeks Extension to Complete \$39M Danbury Rehab Hospital**

The company building a 40-bed, \$39 million rehabilitation hospital in Danbury, Conn., has filed an application with the state seeking a six-month extension to complete construction. Encompass Health originally filed a Certificate of Need application in April 2020 to build the rehabilitation hospital.

Source: [Hartford Business](#)

### **Inspira Goes Big on Repurposing Retail for Healthcare Applications**

The repurposed Inspira Health Center Deptford in Gloucester County, N.J., is not just an expansion of the health system, but a prime example of how design, construction and strategic planning can transform vacant big-box retail space — in this case, a former Dick's Sporting Goods — into a dynamic hub for accessible care services.

Source: [Health Facilities Management](#)

### **NYU Langone Adds 7th Hospital**

New York City-based NYU Langone Health has completed its merger with Patchogue, N.Y.-based Long Island Community Hospital, which will now be known as NYU Langone Hospital—Suffolk.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#), [Crain's New York Business](#), [Long Island Business News](#), [NYU Langone Health](#)

### **Providence Medical Office Building Sells for \$7.9M**

A medical office building in Providence, R.I., with 21,000 square feet of working space recently sold for \$7.9 million, according to property records. The office building is home to several healthcare tenants, including NorthMain Radiation Oncology and University Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

Source: [Providence Business News](#)

## **• SOUTHEAST**

### **Duke Health, Novant to Partner**

Durham, N.C.-based Duke University Health System and Charlotte, N.C.-based Novant Health have shared plans to partner and build new campuses across the state to expand care. Under the partnership, clinicians from both systems will offer services in new locations to increase primary care and advanced specialty treatment access.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

### **Georgia System Opens \$566M Tower**

Northeast Georgia Health System has started treating patients in the new \$566 million Green Tower at Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville. The 927,000-square-foot, 11-story Green Tower opened in February.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

### **Northside Hospital-Gwinnett Nears Completion on 15-Story Tower**

Northside Hospital-Gwinnett is nearing completion on a 15-story tower addition to its campus in Lawrenceville, Ga. The expansion will house more than 300 patient beds, bringing the hospital's total patient capacity to 696 beds.

Source: [Gwinnett Daily Post](#), [Healthcare Design](#)

### **Health Care: New Facilities for Virginia's Health Systems**

Among the new healthcare facilities opening in Virginia is the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University, which includes the Eastern Virginia Medical School. It's billed as the largest academic health center in the state.

Source: [Virginia Business](#)

### **KLNB Negotiates \$7.9M Sale of Medical Office Building in Virginia**

KLNB has negotiated the \$7.9 million sale of a multi-tenant medical office building in Fairfax, Va., 14 miles outside Washington, D.C. Totaling 54,085 square feet, the property was 40% leased at the time of sale by medical tenants.

Source: [REBusiness Online](#)

### **Sandra R. Berman Pavilion at GBMC HealthCare Opens**

The Sandra R. Berman Pavilion is a two-story, 70,000-square-foot comprehensive, multidisciplinary cancer center in Towson, Maryland. Construction of the new pavilion was completed in late 2024 and has opened in phases over the past two months.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

### **Pardee Breaks Ground on Medical Office Building in Brevard**

UNC Health Pardee has broken ground on a new medical office building in downtown Brevard, N.C. The facility, expected to open in early 2026, will house Pardee BlueMD, along with various specialty services.

Source: [Hendersonville Lightning](#), [UNC Health](#)

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- **FLORIDA**

### **Cleveland Clinic Plans New Hospital in West Palm Beach**

Cleveland Clinic has begun a \$500 million fundraising campaign to expand its outpatient services and build a hospital in Palm Beach County, Fla.

Source: [Healthcare Design](#), [Hospital Management](#), [Cleveland Clinic](#)

## **Lee Health Begins Construction on New Healthcare Campus in Fort Myers**

The 53-acre Lee Health Fort Myers campus in Fort Myers, Fla., will house a 416,000-square-foot replacement acute care hospital with up to 168 beds. A 125,000-square-foot medical office building with eight ORs will be home to the Lee Health Musculoskeletal Institute.

Source: [Healthcare Design](#)

## **Sarasota Hospital Board Decides on Location for First Hospital in Growing North Port**

The Sarasota County Public Hospital Board has approved a \$450 million plan to build North Port's first hospital. The six-story, 100-bed facility is slated for an undeveloped 32-acre parcel Sarasota Memorial Health Care System near Interstate 75. It is slated to open in fall 2028.

Source: [WUSF](#)

## **CHS Sells 2 Hospitals to AdventHealth for \$260M**

Franklin, Tenn.-based Community Health Systems has completed the sale of ShorePoint Health-Port Charlotte (Fla.) and certain assets of ShorePoint Health-Punta Gorda (Fla.) to Altamonte Springs, Fla.-based AdventHealth, effective March 1.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

## **HCA Florida Healthcare Completes Purchase of Lehigh Regional Medical Center**

HCA invested \$134.5 million into the acquisition of this 53-bed hospital from Prime Healthcare.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

## **TGH Opens Behavioral Health Facility in Florida**

Tampa General Hospital, along with Lifepoint Health and the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine, has announced the opening of the TGH Behavioral Health Hospital in Florida. The TGH Behavioral Health Hospital spans nearly 83,000 square feet and features 96 inpatient beds.

Source: [Hospital Management](#)

## **BayCare Opens Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center in Florida**

BayCare celebrated the opening of its behavioral health urgent care center. The new outpatient facility was made possible by a \$3.6 million grant from the Pasco County Commission.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

## **HCA Florida Largo Hospital Set to Open Emergency Room in 2026**

HCA Florida Largo Hospital, part of American for-profit operator of healthcare facilities HCA Florida Healthcare, has announced the expansion of its emergency services with the opening of a new freestanding emergency room, HCA Florida Countryside Emergency, set for 2026 in Clearwater, Florida.

Source: [Hospital Management](#)

### **• MIDWEST**

## **Indiana System Signs Definitive Agreement to Acquire 19th Hospital**

Deaconess Health System, an 18-hospital system headquartered in Evansville, Ind., has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Jennie Stuart Health, a 194-bed acute care hospital in Hopkinsville, Ky.



Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

### **First Phase of Grant Medical Center Expansion Complete**

The new OhioHealth Grant Family Medicine building in Columbus, Ohio, represents the first phase of a planned \$400 million expansion of Grant Medical Center. Construction is scheduled to start soon on the next phase, a seven-story building that will hold the hospital's expanded trauma center, emergency department and critical care pavilion.

Source: [Columbus Underground](#), [The Columbus Dispatch](#)

### **Prime Healthcare Acquires Eight Hospitals in Illinois from Ascension**

Prime Healthcare entered an asset purchase agreement for the acquisition in July 2024. The deal includes physician practices and four senior living and post-acute care facilities in the Greater Chicago area. The companies have not disclosed the financial terms of the deal.

Source: [Hospital Management](#), [Becker's ASC Review](#), [Chief Healthcare Executive](#)

### **Logansport Memorial Hospital to Pursue Affiliation with Parkview Health**

Logansport Memorial Hospital in Logansport, Ind., has signed a non-binding letter of intent to pursue an affiliation with Fort Wayne, Ind.-based Parkview Health. An affiliation would allow for expanded services in Cass County and north central Indiana and support the hospital's financial stability.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

### **Aspirus Health to Construct New Hospital in Wisconsin**

Aspirus Health has acquired a 22.1-acre site in Chippewa Falls, Wis., with plans to begin construction of a new hospital this spring. The first phase is an emergency department with ten inpatient beds and ten treatment rooms, projected to span around 27,000 square feet.

Source: [Hospital Management](#)

### **Defying a National Trend, Kansas Hospital Reopens Pediatric Unit**

The U.S. lost more than 500 pediatric units between 2008 and 2022. Bucking this trend, Hutchinson (Kan.) Regional Medical Center reopened its pediatric unit years after its closure.

Source: [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

- **SOUTHWEST**

### **Mayo Clinic Unveils \$1.9B Expansion to Phoenix Campus**

The Mayo Clinic has outlined a nearly \$1.9 billion plan to expand its Phoenix medical campus, providing a planned 59% increase in clinical space and support for new technologies. The nonprofit's largest-ever expansion in the state is set to begin this year and aims for a 2031 completion date.

Source: [Fierce Healthcare](#), [Becker's Hospital Review](#)

### **\$237M Celina Hospital Opens Doors**

It used to take 45 minutes for citizens of Celina, Texas, to get to the nearest Dallas hospital. That will change with the opening of Methodist Celina Medical Center, a 46-acre, \$237 million project three miles from Celina's downtown square.

Source: [ConnectCRE](#)

- CALIFORNIA**

### Sutter Health Planning \$1 Billion Investment in Facilities, Services

Sutter Health is planning a significant \$1 billion investment to construct a flagship campus in the city of Emeryville, part of an expansion of services in California's East Bay. The Emeryville campus will feature a regional destination ambulatory care complex and a new medical center with an initial capacity of up to 200 beds, plus room for future expansion.

Source: [Healthcare Finance](#), [Fierce Healthcare](#), [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [HC+O News](#), [SF Yimby](#)

### \$500M California Hospital Expansion Tops Out

St. Louis-based McCarthy Building Cos. marked the concrete pour topping out of the \$500 million Hoag Hospital Irvine Expansion Project in Irvine, Calif.

Source: [Construction Dive](#)

### MORE TO EXPLORE

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March 20, 2025 – Durham, N.C.

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Organized by AMFP Kentucky

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### **Trifecta Event + Providence Mass Timber Project**

Organized by AMFP SoCal

March 27, 2025 – Los Angeles

### **I4 Corridor Health Summit Presented By PROCORE**

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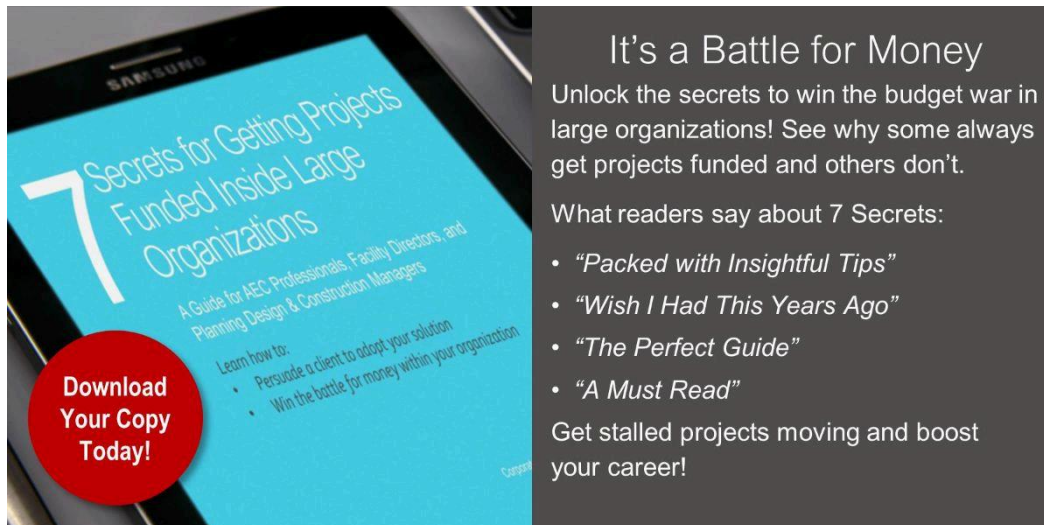
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