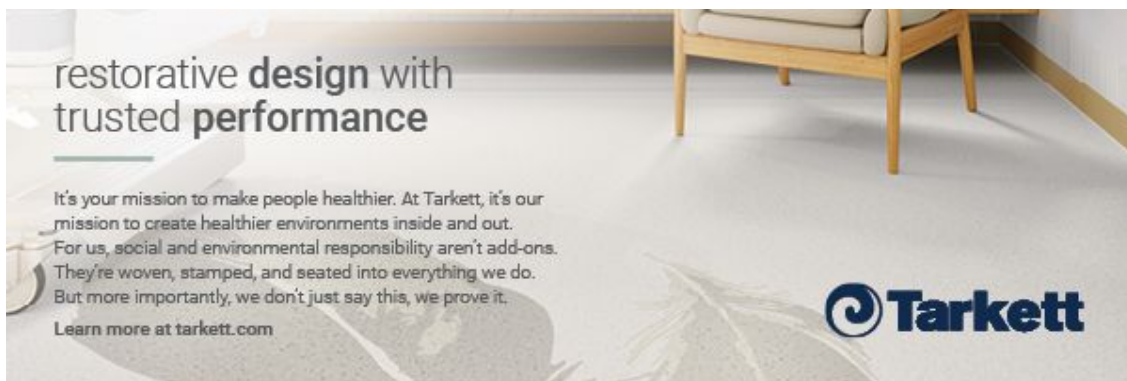


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TOP STORIES

Rise in C. Auris Infections Concerning: CDC

There is an emerging threat of *Candida auris*, a fungus that is becoming more resistant to treatment, according to the CDC.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*, *Healthcare Facilities Today*, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, *Cleveland.com*

Disinfectants Effective Against *Candida auris*

Unlike viruses and bacteria, deadly fungal infections such as *Candida auris* are not easily treated.

Source: *Healthcare Facilities Today*

Medicare Bill Connects Payments to Inflation

HR 2474 would tie the Medicare fee schedule to the Medicare Economic Index, which would institute an annual inflation update.

Source: *Health Exec*

Razor-Thin Hospital Margins Become New Normal

Hospital finances are starting to stabilize as razor-thin margins become the new normal.

Source: *Kaufman Hall, Becker's Hospital Review*

Healthcare Employment Rebounds to Pre-Pandemic Levels

Contrary to widespread reports of staffing shortages, healthcare employment reached pre-pandemic levels with the addition of 44,200 jobs in February.

Source: *Altarum, Becker's Hospital Review*

Pennsylvania Reps Introduce Legislation to Hold Hospitals Accountable When Closing

If passed, the bill ensures that hospital systems will have to double the time in which they must notify state and local agencies of a planned closure from 90 to 180 days.

Source: *Healthcare Facilities Today*

Virginia Health System Eliminates COO Positions

Sovah Health is spreading the responsibilities of COO positions across members of its existing administrative team.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review, Danville Register & Bee*

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MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Sparrow Health System, University of Michigan Health Close \$7 Billion Merger

The deal creates a statewide system of more than 200 care sites including the University of Michigan Health academic medical center.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare, Detroit Free Press, Crain's Detroit Business*

CVS Health Completes \$8 Billion Acquisition of Signify

Signify Health is a home healthcare services company with a network of more than 10,000

clinicians in all 50 states.

Source: *Health Exec*

Optum Buys New York Physician Group

Optum has purchased Middletown, N.Y.-based Crystal Run Healthcare, a multispecialty physician group with over 400 providers across more than 30 locations.

Source: *Mid-Hudson News, Becker's Payer Issues*

Washington Health System in Merger, Partnership Talks

Washington Health System, an independent hospital system in Pennsylvania, is reportedly in talks with larger hospital networks, which could result in an acquisition or expanded partnership with the smaller network.

Source: *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Becker's Hospital Review*

SAFETY & SECURITY

OR "Black Boxes" are Changing the Way Hospitals Operate

Operating room "black boxes" are growing in popularity as a way to improve patient safety and operational efficiency, and are poised to spread to other departments.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

Teen Poses as Physician Assistant at 2 Texas Hospitals for a Month

Zachry Bailey purchased \$41 worth of scrubs and walked into Corpus Christi Medical Center's Bay Area Hospital asking for a badge.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

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ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Hospitals Invited to Provide Feedback on IHF Sustainability Tool

The International Hospital Federation's Geneva Sustainability Centre seeks hospitals to preview and provide feedback on a digital platform it plans to launch to help hospitals assess and track their environmental sustainability efforts, access training and replicate best practices.

Source: *American Hospital Association*

Stamford Health Builds Fuel Cell Power Plants

Stamford Hospital at the Bennett Medical Center Campus and its nearby Tully Health Center have installed solid-oxide fuel cell systems that generate electricity from different fuels, such as biogas and natural gas, without combustion.

Source: *The Korea Herald, Energy Tech*

3 Ways Prefabrication Supports Sustainability

As property developers, healthcare providers, and building owners continue to seek ways to construct sustainable facilities that also meet their speed-to-market goals, prefabrication has demonstrated itself to be a useful tool.

Source: *Building Design + Construction*

Hospital's Go-Green Policies Support a Healthier Community

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, N.C., has introduced several sustainability initiatives in its dining program, aimed at reducing its carbon footprint and fostering relationships with local farmers.

Source: *Food Management*

INNOVATION

Drone Delivers Prescriptions to Michigan Medicine, Intermountain and MultiCare Patients

Drone delivery company Zipline unveiled its next-generation aircraft along with several health systems stepping up to be first in flight.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare*

SVB Collapse May Set Healthcare Innovation Back More Than a Decade

The FDIC take-over of the Silicon Valley Bank will hit the healthcare technology market hard, affecting not only digital health startups but health systems looking to plan their innovation strategies.

Source: *HealthLeaders Media*

Healthcare's New Equation = Technology + Operations

A balanced approach to deploying new IT that reduces the burden on employees and provides patients with enhanced services is key to stabilizing and advancing healthcare industry processes.

Source: *Healthcare IT News*

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Given the growing number of seniors requiring health care and the accelerated population growth of some metros, providers are requiring larger, specialized facilities to expand their capabilities in key areas.

Source: [42Floors.com](#)

- **NORTHEAST**

Hospital Designed New Pavilion Using Lessons Learned from COVID

The \$714 million surgical and intensive care pavilion at Hackensack University Medical Center in

New Jersey evolved during construction in response to needs defined by the pandemic.

Source: NorthJersey.com

\$25.3M Medical Office with ASC on Tap in New York

A three-story, 76,393-square-foot medical office building in Utica, N.Y., has secured \$25.3 million in construction financing to begin the project.

Source: [Rebusiness Online](#), [Becker's ASC Review](#)

Clifton-Fine Hospital Plans Upgrades with \$16 Million Grant

Tucked away in Star Lake in the Adirondacks, the 20-bed hospital competed with hundreds of other hospitals across the state for the funding. The grant will go toward infrastructure improvements for the 64-year-old hospital.

Source: [WWNYTV](#)

26K-Square-Foot Medical Office Approved in Connecticut

The zoning commission of Bristol, Conn., has approved plans for the construction of a 26,000-square-foot medical office building on a lot shared with a fast-food restaurant and car wash.

Source: [Hartford Business Journal](#), [Becker's ASC Review](#)

- **MID-ATLANTIC**

VCU Children's Hospital Holds Ribbon-cutting Ceremony For New Tower

Children's Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va., held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a \$400 million hospital tower.

Source: richmond.com, [Healthcare Design Magazine](#)

BWE Secures Over \$93 Million in Financing for DC Medical and Life Science Buildings

Bellwether Enterprise Real Estate Capital LLC (BWE), a national commercial and multifamily mortgage banking company, announced the closing of eight individual loans totaling \$93,073,000 for eight office, medical office and life science buildings in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

Source: [Real Estate Weekly](#)

Community Health Systems Completes \$92 Million Plateau Medical Center Sale

Community Health Systems, a Franklin, Tennessee-based healthcare provider, has completed the \$92 million sale of 25-bed Plateau Medical Center in Oak Hill, West Virginia, to Vandalia Health.

Source: [Health Leaders Media](#)

Partners to Build \$50 Million Orthopedics Medical Complex Outside Richmond

ORTHOVIRGINIA, a Va.-based orthopedic practice, is partnering with real estate investment and

asset management company LINGERFELT and construction/development firm Hourigan to develop a \$50-million, 77,000-square-foot medical office building in Midlothian, Va.

Source: *ConnectCRE*

Avison Young Arranges \$14 Million Sale of Medical Office Building Near Philadelphia

Avison Young has arranged the \$14 million sale of a 70,140-square-foot medical office building located in the Southern New Jersey community of Washington Township.

Source: *RE Business, Real Estate Weekly*

Select Medical Signs Agreement to Acquire Vibra Hospital of Richmond

The 63-bed hospital will be rebranded to Select Specialty Hospital – Richmond.

Source: *Healthcare Facilities Today*

- **MIDWEST**

Henry Mount Carmel Breaks Ground on New Hospital in Dublin, Ohio

Mount Carmel Health Systems announced the groundbreaking of a \$250 million hospital in Dublin, Ohio.

Source: *WBNS*

Altru Health to Borrow up to \$125 Million for New Hospital

Grand Forks, N.D.-based Altru Health will need to borrow up to \$125 million to cover the burgeoning costs of labor and supplies for construction of its \$380 million hospital.

Source: *Grand Forks Herald, Becker's Hospital Review*

Construction Begins on \$35 Million Wisconsin Hospital

Construction has begun on a \$35 million hospital replacement project for Marshfield Medical Center-Park Falls in Park Falls, Wis., with \$20 million coming from Wisconsin's Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Investment Grant Program.

Source: *WSAW*

\$34 Million Medical office project underway in Westfield, IN

Construction of a 60,000-square-foot medical office building is underway in Westfield that will include space for surgeries, a wound care center and a radiology department.

Source: *Current*

Preliminary Work Underway on \$8 Million IN Hospital Renovation

Daviess Community Hospital is moving forward on preliminary work to prepare for an \$8 million update of its emergency department and intensive care unit in Washington, Ind.

Source: *Washington Times Herald*

NexCore Breaks Ground on Indiana ASC

Real estate developer NexCore Group has broken ground on a three-story, 60,000-square-foot

ambulatory surgery center and medical office building in Westfield, Ind.

Source: *Becker's ASC Review, NexCore*

Carle Adds 3 UnityPoint Hospitals to its Network

With the addition of three Peoria, Ill.-based UnityPoint Health – Central Illinois Hospitals, Carle Health system now consists of eight hospitals.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review, Carle Health*

- **SOUTHEAST**

PE Firm Inks 11-hospital Real Estate Deal for \$859 Million

Australian private equity firm HMC Capital has inked a \$859 million deal to acquire 11 U.S. hospital properties from Birmingham, Ala.-based Medical Properties Trust.

Source: *Financial Review, Becker's Hospital Review*

New \$11 Million HCA Hospital Begins Construction in Ocala, FL

HCA Florida Ocala Hospital has begun construction of the \$11 million 11,000 square-foot HCA Florida Foxwood Emergency Department, set to open in winter 2023.

Source: *WCJB, Ocala-News*

Hospital Construction Underway, Medical Office in Final Stages

Construction is in the final stages for the 83,000-square-foot medical office building that will be part of the Sentara Albemarle Regional Health Campus in Elizabeth City, N.C.

Source: *The Daily Advance*

Micro-Hospital, Medical Office Proposed near Wellington, FL

The Palm Beach County Zoning Commission will consider the site plan modification for the 25.8-acre Polo Gardens project. Ponte Vedra Beach-based Ferber Co. has the micro hospital site under contract.

Source: *South Florida Business Journal*

Orlando Medical Project Among Biggest Under Construction in U.S.

The Upshot Medical Center at Mills Park will be 160,000 square feet in size.

Source: *Orlando Business Journal*

AU Health Bonds Slide as Construction Set to Start on Columbia County Hospital

Moody's reports that funding for Augusta University Health System's new hospital construction have not yet been solidified, although construction is set to begin by June 1.

Source: *The Augusta Chronicle*

Miami Bone & Joint Institute to Construct Medical Office, ASC

Construction of a four-story, 117,408-square-foot ASC and 60,000-square-foot medical office is planned for the 4.3-acre site in Miami.

Source: *Becker's Orthopedic Review*

Woodside Health Acquires Georgia Medical Office Buildings

Woodside Health has acquired two medical office buildings totaling 80,000 square feet in Suwanee, Ga.

Source: *Commercial Property Executive*, *Becker's ASC Review*

Nonprofit System to Acquire Arkansas Hospital from CHS

South Arkansas Regional Hospital has signed a definitive agreement to acquire El Dorado-based Medical Center of South Arkansas from subsidiaries of Community Health Systems.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

- **SOUTHWEST**

Banner Health to Build \$400 Million Medical Campus in Scottsdale

Banner Health is finalizing the purchase of approximately 48 acres of land to build the Banner Scottsdale Medical Center in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Source: *City Sun Times*, *Healthcare Design*, *Becker's Hospital Review*, *KTAR News*, *East Valley Tribune*, *Scottsdale Progress*

Meridian to Invest \$100 Million in New Mexico Medical Office Building

Real-estate developer Meridian has purchased 18 acres in Santa Fe, N.M., with plans to invest more than \$100 million in constructing a 95,000-square-foot medical office building.

Source: *Albuquerque Business Journal*, *REbusiness Online*, *Becker's ASC Review*, *Commercial Search*

Downtown Salt Lake City Hospital Moves Closer to Reality

Rezoning of former Sears site clears hurdle as Intermountain Health sets sights on a multistory facility in downtown Salt Lake City. Change could allow buildings of 26 stories or higher.

Source: *The Salt Lake Tribune*

- **WEST**

Kaiser Breaks Ground on \$298 Million Expansion in California

Kaiser Permanente broke ground on an inpatient tower with 138 beds at Roseville Medical Center. Construction costs for the tower were estimated at \$298 million in 2022, but Kaiser is expected to spend about \$1 billion for the overall project by its completion in 2027.

Source: *The Sacramento Bee*, *Becker's Hospital Review*

Kaiser Permanente Breaks Ground on New Wildomar, CA, Facility

A groundbreaking ceremony was held to celebrate the start of construction on an 84,000-square-foot LEED Gold Kaiser Permanente outpatient medical office building in Wildomar, Calif.

Source: *Patch*

Samaritan Submits Revised Construction Budget to USDA

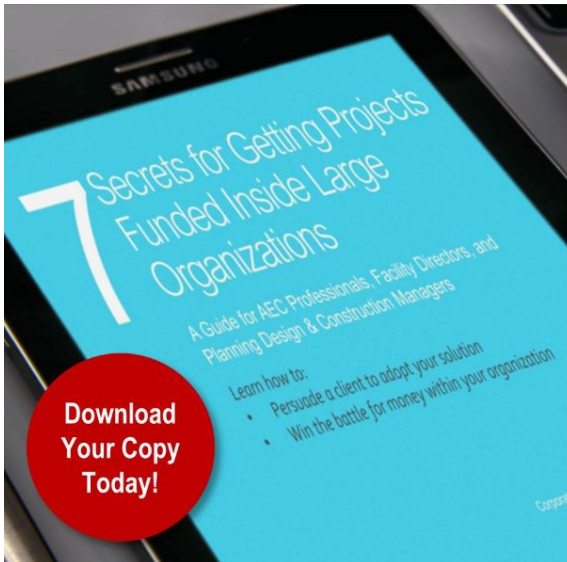
Substantial increases in projected construction costs prompted Samaritan Healthcare officials to submit a revised budget to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the proposed new Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake, Wash. Hospital district voters will be asked to approve a construction bond proposal for up to \$130 million.

Source: [Columbia Basin Herald](#)

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