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## TOP STORIES

### What Happens When COVID-19 Emergency Declarations End?

Get an overview of the major health-related COVID-19 federal emergency declarations, the flexibilities triggered by each, and the implications for their ending, including the impact on already tight facilities budgets.

Source: [KFF](#)

### Mon Health System, CAMC Plan Merger

West Virginia's Mon Health System and Charleston Area Medical Center Health System have signed a letter of intent to merge and operate under the umbrella brand "Vandalia Health."

Source: [Fierce Healthcare](#), [WV Metro News](#), [Health Leaders Media](#), [The Business Journals](#)

### Intermountain Healthcare, SCL Health Finalize Merger

With the close of its merger with SCL, Intermountain is now the eleventh-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, with 33 hospitals.

Source: [RevCycleIntelligence](#), [Healthcare Innovation](#), [Fierce Healthcare](#), [Healthcare Finance News](#), [HealthLeaders Media](#)

### Tryko Partners Expands Senior Care Portfolio in Maryland

Tryko Partners has acquired two assisted living/skilled nursing facilities and announced plans to rebrand, rename, and begin significant capital improvement programs.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [REBusiness Online](#), [Senior Living News](#)

### 2021 Physician Group Acquisitions up 119%

Physician group deals grew 119% year over year from 2020 to 2021, totaling \$5.5 billion.

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

## **Intermountain, Ascension and Amazon Care Coalition Advocate for Permanent Hospital-at-Home Care**

The Moving Health Home coalition is working to acquire data and long-term solutions to establish a permanent hospital-at-home care program for patients as the Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver potentially comes to an end.

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

## **Senior Care Facilities Show Improvement Over Last Decade**

More patients are coming to nursing homes for shorter stays and returning to their permanent residence, with fewer hospital visits during their nursing home stay.

Source: [NCAL](#), [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

## **New Law Bars Florida Hospitals from Restricting Visitors**

SB 988, titled the "No Patient Left Alone Act," bars any healthcare facility in the state from restricting in-person visitation to patients.

Source: [Becker's Healthcare Review](#), [FLGov.com](#), [Tampa Bay Times](#)

## **MSOs vs. Practice Mergers: Which Consolidation Option is Gaining More Traction?**

Orthopedic practice mergers and management service organization acquisitions are helping orthopedic groups strengthen their footing in 2022.

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

## **White House Cites Role of Ventilation in COVID-19 Fight**

Experts around the world have advocated for respirator use and enhanced ventilation systems for years, but now the White House has formally acknowledged that aerosol transmission has been the primary driver of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#), [The White House](#)

## **Healthcare M&A Transactions Hit Record Low in Q1**

Driven by the COVID-19 pandemic, the healthcare industry continued to see fewer mergers and acquisitions in the first quarter of 2022, with only 12 transactions recorded.

Source: [Kaufman Hall](#), [Becker's Healthcare Review](#)

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## **SAFETY & SECURITY**

### **OSHA Seeks Comments on Healthcare Worker COVID Safety Standard**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has scheduled an informal public hearing on April 27 for comments on topics related to its final standard to protect healthcare and healthcare support service workers from workplace exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

*Source: Department of Labor, Healthcare Facilities Today, Federal Register*

### **Staff Shortages, Worker Mental Health Top Patient Safety Report**

ECRI's Top Ten Patient Safety Concerns in 2022 highlights how the pandemic has impacted health system operations.

*Source: ECRI, Advisory Board, Kaiser Health News, Becker's Healthcare Review*

### **OSHA Ramps Up Inspections of Health Care Facilities that Treat COVID-19 Patients**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is increasing inspections of hospitals and nursing care facilities that treat COVID-19 patients.

*Source: SHRM, Advisory Board*

### **Hospitals' Body Cameras Help Fight Workplace Violence**

CoxHealth hospitals' security guards have started to wear body cams to help monitor workplace violence.

*Source: Healthcare Facilities Today*

### **Strategic Emergency Preparedness for Healthcare Facilities**

Is it practical to always be prepared for every emergency?

*Source: Healthcare Facilities Today*

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## **INNOVATION**

### **Novant Health Spins Out Incubator Business Unit**

Novant Health has launched an independent business unit, Novant Health Enterprises, to accelerate the development of solutions to unlock clinical, financial and patient value at scale.

Source: *Healthcare Innovation, Novant Health*

### **Advocate Aurora Acquires Remote Monitoring Company**

MobileHelp's emergency response systems are used by more than 300,000 households. Advocate Aurora Enterprises says it may bundle the technology with Senior Helpers, an in-home personal care services company it acquired in 2021.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*

### **Florida and Texas are Becoming the New Tech Hubs**

These two healthcare innovation hubs are now attracting major tech investment.

Source: *Wall Street Journal, Becker's Healthcare Review*

### **How to Reimagine Healthcare as Interconnected and Innovative**

Experts at HIMSS22 share key insights on interoperability, the patient experience and provider perspectives on the future of care.

Source: *HealthTech Magazine*

### **Are You Competing with Virtual Care Companies?**

Telehealth companies now represent a competitive threat to hospitals as much as rival health systems do.

Source: *Fierce Healthcare*

### **Healthcare's Next Big Innovative Leap: Holograms?**

Cisco is betting its Webex Hologram service will play an immersive role in the future of health care delivery.

Source: *ZDNet*

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# What's Next for Healthcare Facilities in These Unsettled Times?

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## ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY

### Hospitals Need to Get Ahead of Regulations on Climate Change

Climate change is soon to be an issue hospital leaders will have to work on, now that the Biden administration has incorporated environmental sustainability directives from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of its broader initiative to halve U.S. carbon emissions by 2030.

Source: [Stat News](#)

### Why Sustainability is Sound Business for Healthcare Providers

By moving decisively to address waste, emissions and social inequality, hospitals can turn sustainability into a competitive advantage. Here's how.

Source: [MedCity News](#)

### NJ Hospital Wins Award for Sustainable Power Plant

Morristown Medical Center has a new co-gen heat and power plant that it anticipates will shave off more than a third of its annual energy bills.

Source: [Morristown Green](#)

### Magruder Hospital Granted \$8.1 million Bond for Energy Efficiency Upgrades

A \$8.1 million tax-exempt, 15-year bond will assist the Ohio hospital with financing energy-efficiency building improvements and additional upgrades to its 100,000-square-foot facility.

Source: [Port Clinton News-Herald](#)

## AMFP NEWS

### AMFP Launches 9th U.S. Chapter in Charlotte, NC

Jennifer O'Donnell of FreemanWhite will serve as the first president of the Association of Medical Facility Professionals' new Charlotte chapter.

Source: [AMFP](#)

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## BUILDING, BUYING, SELLING

### VA to Rethink Real Estate Footprint

The Department of Veterans Affairs is looking to close three medical centers and reshape its real-estate footprint across the country.

Source: [HealthLeaders Media](#), [Federal News Network](#)

### 6 Hospital Construction Projects Worth More Than \$600 Million

March has been busy with nationwide expansions.

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

### Investment Activity Heats Up in SoCal Medical Office Market

Medical office has been one of the best performing asset classes through the recent market dislocation caused by the pandemic, and both Los Angeles and Orange County saw significant medical office deals close at the end of the year.

Source: *GlobeSt*

### **\$3B U of California-San Francisco Hospital Expansion Under Fire**

Three activist groups have asked a state judge to reject the University of California-San Francisco's environmental impact study clearing the way for a \$3 billion, 30-year hospital and housing expansion at its Parnassus Heights campus.

Source: *Becker's Hospital Review*, *Courthouse News Service*

### **Patient Demand Paves Way for \$210 Million UF Health North Jacksonville Addition**

The addition comes two years after the opening of a medical office building with an emergency room and outpatient surgery and diagnostic services.

Source: *Florida Times-Union*

### **IU Health Updates New Indy Hospital Project**

The new \$1.6 billion medical campus will feature a three-tower structure. The health system says the flagship hospital will sit on a 44-acre expansion of IU's current campus.

Source: *Inside INdiana Business*, *IndyStar*

### **\$1.2 Billion JPS Health Network Construction Project to Start with Community-Based Clinics**

The hospital's delayed \$1.2 billion bond program is expected to begin construction in 2022.

Source: *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*

### **Advocate Masonic Hospital Planning \$645 Million Modernization Project**

The **Lakeview** facility will gain four stories on its outpatient building, new structures and significant renovations.

Source: *Chicago Tribune*, *The Real Deal*

### **Strong Memorial Hospital Plans \$557 Million Expansion**

A multi-year \$557 million expansion of Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., will nearly triple the size of the emergency department while adding more than 100 private inpatient rooms in a new nine story tower.

Source: *Democrat and Chronicle*

## **Wisconsin Hospital Planning \$43 Million Project with ASC**

Alongside the ASC, the expansion would include a three-story community hospital and a medical office building.

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

## **Inside Mayo Clinic's Hybrid Care Hotel**

The Hybrid Care Hotel is a virtual hybrid care service designed for low-risk surgical patients that utilizes technology and in-person clinician interactions to re-envision patient care.

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

## **Atrium Health Union West Opens \$151 Million Hospital in Charlotte**

Atrium Health Union West is the first newly built hospital in the Charlotte, N.C., area in more than 30 years.

Source: [Atrium Health, Healthcare Facilities Today, Charlotte Business Journal](#)

## **Orlando's Largest Healthcare Projects Include Orthopedic Hospital**

Orlando Health Jewett Orthopedic Institute includes an eight-story, 197,000-square-foot orthopedic specialty hospital and medical pavilion.

Source: [The Business Journals](#)

## **Allen Parish Hospital Plans \$40 Million Expansion**

Construction is moving forward on a more than \$40 million project to expand and improve services at the Louisiana hospital.

Source: [American Press](#)

## **37-Acre Biomedical Research Campus Hits Construction Milestone**

The Texas Medical Center, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Texas A&M University Health Science Center, and The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Tuesday celebrated the topping off of the multi-institutional research facility, the TMC3 Collaborative Building.

Source: [Click2Houston.com](#)

## **Dignity Health Mercy Hospital Breaks Ground on Latest Expansion**

Along with a new 106-bed patient tower, the existing hospital will undergo extensive renovations to accommodate the increase in patient volume and expansion of services.

Source: [Healthcare Facilities Today](#)

## UMMC Planning \$64.5M Multidisciplinary Medical Educational Campus

The University of Mississippi Medical Center is looking to develop a 67,500-square-foot medical educational facility, complete with 36 exam rooms, 6 operating rooms, and three multimedia classrooms.

Source: [WLBT](#)

## Initial Plans for New Inova Hospital Revealed

Partial demolition of the Landmark Mall could start as early as this spring to make room for construction of Virginia's new Inova Hospital and Trauma Center.

Source: [Alexandria Living Magazine](#)

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## OPINIONS

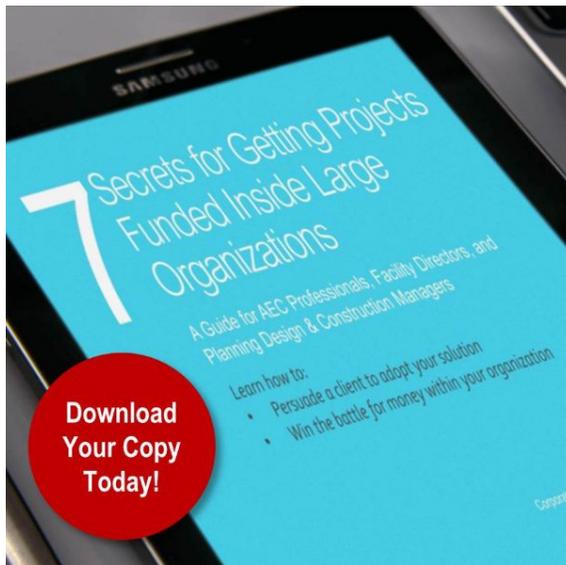
### Think You Have Insurance-Induced Stress?

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Source: *Steve Kelley and the Creators Syndicate* via [KHN](#)

## MORE TO EXPLORE

- U.S. Life Expectancy Falls for Second Year in a Row - [NPR](#)
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Hosted by AMFP Chicago

April 26, 2022 - Chicago

### The Collaboration of Red Bird Mall for Health

Hosted by AMFP North Texas

April 28, 2022 – Dallas

### AMFP NYC Networking Event

Hosted by AMFP NYC

April 28, 2022 – New York

### Hospitals, Outpatient Facilities & Medical Office Buildings Summit

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May 10, 2022 - Houston, Texas

June 08, 2022 - Boston, Massachusetts

June 14, 2022 - New York City, New York

June 28, 2022 - Chicago, Illinois

### A Deeper Dive into LL 97 and the Impact on Healthcare Facilities

Hosted by AMFP NYC

May 19, 2022 – Online

### Status of the Market: Supply Chain, Logistics, Inflation

Hosted by AMFP North Texas  
May 26, 2022 - Dallas

## **Healthcare Design Conference + Expo**

Hosted by Emerald Expo  
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