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[Union urges California hospital employees to vote no confidence in CEO](#)

A union representing employees at a California hospital is calling for a vote of no confidence in the CEO amid a state investigation into allegations of unsafe working conditions and improper COVID-19 response, the Los Angeles Times reports.

Becker's Hospital Review, August 7, 2020

[Prime Healthcare Reaches Labor Agreements at St. Francis Medical Center](#)

Prime Healthcare achieved another significant milestone toward preserving St. Francis Medical Center by reaching initial three-year labor agreements with SEIU-UHW and UNAC, unions representing nurses and other professionals at the medical center. The final agreements, which were ratified overwhelmingly today by a vote of union members, preserve wages while providing generous health benefits and job security.

Globe Newswire, August 6, 2020

[Blue Shield of California and Cricket Health Collaborate](#)

Blue Shield of California and Cricket Health today announced a new innovative, personalized and comprehensive care coordination program for members who have late-stage chronic kidney disease or end-stage renal disease at no additional cost to them.

Blue Shield of California News Release, August 6, 2020

[California COVID-19 data discrepancies leave health official 'feeling blind'](#)

Several issues are contributing to the state underreporting COVID-19 cases and deaths, California health secretary Mark Ghaly, MD, said on Aug. 4, according to The Press-Enterprise.

The flawed data shows COVID-19 cases dropped 17 percent in the past week while deaths increased 20 percent; Dr. Ghaly said the California health department has identified some discrepancies in data reported and is working to obtain accurate information from labs.

Becker's Hospital Review, August 6, 2020

Petaluma Health Care District sends hospital sale to voters

The Petaluma Health Care District board Tuesday voted unanimously to approve a letter of intent to sell Petaluma Valley Hospital to a Providence St. Joseph Health affiliate, despite objections from the union that represents nurses at the facility. In a separate move, the board approved a ballot measure giving district voters final say over the hospital sale in the November election.

Petaluma360, August 5, 2020

Alignment Healthcare Expands its "Senior First" Model to New Markets

Alignment Healthcare, a mission-based Medicare Advantage insurance company founded in 2013, today announced that its award-winning Medicare Advantage plans will expand into several new markets across California, Nevada and North Carolina starting in 2021, reaching more than 5.9 million¹ people eligible for Medicare, pending regulatory approval.

Businesswire, August 6, 2020

Millions spent turning Sleep Train Arena into a COVID-19 field hospital

In mid-April, doctors arrived at Sacramento's Sleep Train Arena, which had been hurriedly converted into a field hospital, and were told to prepare for 30 to 60 coronavirus patients to arrive within days.

The Los Angeles Times, August 6, 2020

California nurses to protest shifting ratios at medical facilities

The California Nurses Association plans to stage rallies at nearly 70 hospitals and medical centers Wednesday to protest waivers that allow facilities to staff some units below state-mandated nurse-patient ratios as nurses are shifted to more critical patients.

The San Jose Mercury News, August 5, 2020

OneOncology Expands to Southern California

OneOncology, a national partnership of independent oncology practices, today announced that Los Angeles Cancer Network (LACN) is joining the platform as the oncology network expands into California.

PR Newswire, August 4, 2020

SCAN Health Plan Launches an Interactive Member Engagement Platform

SCAN Health Plan®, one of the nation's largest not-for-profit Medicare Advantage health plans, today announced it has launched Rally®, an interactive member engagement platform from digital health company Rally Health, Inc. Working in collaboration with Rally, SCAN is offering its members a digital solution that enables them to engage in online social communities, set and meet wellness goals and get information about the health topics of interest to them.

PR Newswire, August 4, 2020

Anthem Blue Cross Takes Action Amid Pandemic to Address Housing Crisis

The socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have deepened the California housing crisis, and in response, Anthem Blue Cross has launched enhanced efforts and strengthened supports to address homelessness.

Business Wire, August 3, 2020

PRN and MemorialCare Announce Joint-Venture

Physical Rehabilitation Network, LLC (PRN) a privately held physical therapy company based in Carlsbad, California and MemorialCare, a prominent nonprofit Southern California integrated health system with more than 200 care locations, announced today that they will co-operate their outpatient physical therapy centers.

Business Wire, August 3, 2020

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