

Average annual healthcare cost in all 50 states

Midwest hospital M&A market heats up, but faces policy hurdles

On Deck In JPML: Insulin Pricing, Bard Catheters, Southwest

Cross-Market Health System Mergers to Pick Up Steam

**BJC HealthCare to combine with
Kansas City-based St. Luke's**

**Legal questions surround private
equity-backed Noble Health**

**Runaway Health Spending Targeted
by Midwest Business Coalition**

**SSM Health acquires Saint Louis
University's academic medical
practice**

SB 727

Modifies provisions relating to certificates of need. This act repeals provisions of the certificate of need law relating to hospitals, excluding long-term care beds in hospitals, and major medical equipment.

This act also makes technical changes to the certificate of need statutes.

This act is identical to SB 192 (2021).

SB 890

Repeals the certificate of need law. This bill has been combined with other bills. Refer to lead bill (SB 727) for more information.