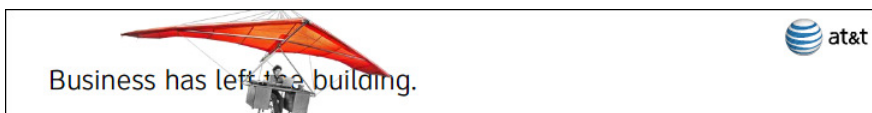


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Six Nashville executives were ranked among this year's "100 Most Powerful People in Health Care."

Modern Healthcare compiles the annual list of movers and shakers, voted on by readers of the industry magazine. This year's top spot went to President Barack Obama. And rounding out the top 10 were the chief players in health care reform, including tennessee native Nancy-Ann DeParle, director of the White House Office of Health Reform (No. 3), Senate Finance Committee leaders Max Baucus (D-Mont.) (No. 4) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) (No. 5); and Peter Orszag, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget (No. 9).

Richard Bracken, president and CEO of Nashville-based HCA Inc. led the list of local power players, coming at No. 16 on the magazine's ranking.

Other Middle Tennessee making the list are:

- 27. Bill Carpenter, president and CEO, LifePoint Hospitals, Brentwood
- 57. Wayne Smith, president and CEO, Community Health Systems, Franklin
- 87. Joey Jacobs, president and CEO, Psychiatric Solutions, Franklin
- 93. Daniel Slipkovich, CEO, Capella Healthcare, Franklin
- 94. Charles Martin, chairman and CEO, Vanguard Health Systems, Nashville

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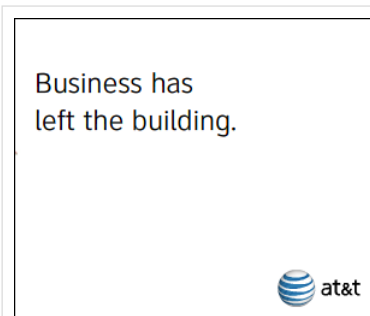
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