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# Scorecard: Google invests in Frist-founded Aspire Health



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*Scorecard checks back on our headlines from a year ago.*

**Then:** Aspire Health, a palliative care company co-founded by former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, closed a \$32 million funding round led by GV (formerly [Google](#) Ventures), the venture capital arm of Google's parent company, [Alphabet](#) Inc. The investment came just as Aspire had expanded its network to nine additional states, growing its total footprint to 19 states and the District of Columbia. At the time, Aspire said it planned to use the new capital to improve its data analytics and grow its technology team to better identify patients who could use additional support. Aspire also said it hoped to leverage the investment to continue expanding their network and increase oncology support.

**Now:** Aspire's network has grown to 24 states since the investment and receives about 250,000 patient visits a year. The company now employs 650 people, up from 200 in 2015, and recently added a second floor to its offices in downtown's AT&T Building. Co-founder and CEO [Brad Smith](#) said Google's expertise has helped the company use predictive modeling to better identify and serve patients. Aspire recently launched a tele-health platform and has partnered its palliative care services with six oncology clinics.

**Next:** Smith said the company is focused on becoming more dense in the states it currently serves in the next year. He said Aspire will continue to strengthen its activity in oncology practices and opened its latest clinic in early November in Tennessee.