This Week in Health Tech

HIStalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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#1 VA to Restart EHR Project with \$3.5 Billion

What Happened:

The VA will use approved funding to restart Oracle Health implementations.

Why It Matters:

The VA will begin the next round of Oracle Health implementations next year at 13 facilities with funding recently approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#2 Humana Makes PA, EHR Promises

What Happened:

Humana pledges to reduce PA burdens and enhance EHR integrations.

Why It Matters:

Humana announces it will significantly reduce prior authorization approval processes and enhance EHR integrations and interoperability, having already integrated its health plan information with Epic.

#3 Charta Health Announces Series A

What Happened:

Charta Health raises \$22 million in Series A funding.

Why It Matters:

Charta will use the new funding to fill open roles and further scale its Alenabled chart review software.

#4 HHS Gives ICE Access to Medicaid Data

What Happened:

HHS gives ICE agents access to the data of 79 million Medicaid recipients.

Why It Matters:

Agents will use the data in their efforts to track down those who are living in the US illegally.

#5 CMS Innovation Center Goes on Hiring Spree

What Happened:

CMS looks to fill 100 roles within its Innovation Center.

Why It Matters:

New employees will help the center, which experienced cutbacks earlier this year, continue its work on developing and piloting new care delivery and payment programs.

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