

This Week in Health Tech

HISstalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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#1 Texas AG Sues Epic

What Happened:

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton sues Epic for monopolizing the market.

Why It Matters:

Some industry insiders believe the antitrust and consumer protection petition is a PR stunt designed to highlight Paxton's bid for a Senate seat, while others believe the suit will put Epic on notice for what they see as restrictive business practices.

#2 VA EHRM Program Comes Under Scrutiny

What Happened:

Lawmakers scrutinize the VA's EHRM program as 2026 roll-outs approach.

Why It Matters:

Lawmakers worry that veteran care will be negatively impacted at the 13 VA facilities scheduled to go live on new EHR software next year after the Government Accountability Office releases yet another report highlighting cost over-runs and numerous, yet-to-be resolved problems with the Oracle Health-based system.

#3 Sentact Announces Acquisitions

What Happened:

Sentact acquires Performance Health Partners and Vizient's PSO.

Why It Matters:

The acquisitions will bolster Sentact's patient safety-focused healthcare technology, analytics, and services.

#4 Auxira Health Announces Seed Funding

What Happened:

Auxira Health raises \$7.8 million in seed funding.

Why It Matters:

The virtual cardiology company, spun out of MedStar Health with help from Abundant Venture Partners, will use the investment to hire more clinicians and further develop its technologies.

#5 Mass General Brigham Spins Out AlwithCare

What Happened:

Mass General Brigham launches an AI company focused on clinical trials.

Why It Matters:

AlwithCare will use the health system's RECTIFIER technology to help providers match patients to clinical trials.

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