

This Week in Health Tech

HIStalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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#1 Growth of Healthcare Services, Tech Continues

💡 What Happened:

Spending on healthcare services and technology shows no sign of slowing.

🤔 Why It Matters:

A new report from McKinsey predicts that healthcare services and technology will continue as the fastest-growing segment in healthcare, with providers and payers expected to increase their outsourcing to tech and platform companies.

#2 KP Affiliates Settle False Claims Allegations

💡 **What Happened:**

KP affiliates will pay \$556 million to settle False Claims Act allegations.

🤔 **Why It Matters:**

The allegations and settlement, related to the alleged inflation of Medicare Advantage risk scores by Kaiser Permanente affiliates, suggests (as one HIStalk reader has pointed out) “that the line between legitimate documentation improvement and outright upcoding is not a faint one.”

#3 4DMedical Raises \$100 Million

💡 **What Happened:**

4DMedical announces \$100 million in new funding.

🤔 **Why It Matters:**

The Australian company will use the funding to accelerate US adoption of its FDA-cleared, software-based lung imaging system.

#4 Vista AI Announces New Funding

What Happened:

Vista AI raises \$29.5 million in Series B funding.

Why It Matters:

The automated MRI scanning software vendor will use the investment to expand beyond cardiac imaging into brain, spine, and prostate once cleared by the FDA.

#5 VA's Use of AI Comes Under Scrutiny

What Happened:

A VA OIG report calls for enhanced oversight of the VA's use of AI.

Why It Matters:

The preliminary VA Office of Inspector General report highlights the fact that the VA uses generative AI chatbots that lack access to current knowledge bases, potentially compromising patient safety.

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