

# This Week in Health Tech

HIStalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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# #1 Rural Health Transformation Begins

## **What Happened:**

CMS announces \$50 billion in rural health transformation grants to all 50 states.

## **Why It Matters:**

Funding from the federal Rural Health Transformation Program – administered through the new Office of Rural Health Transformation – will help states modernize rural health information and technology.

# #2 Altaris Acquires Tegria

## 💡 **What Happened:**

PE firm Altaris acquires Tegria from Providence St. Joseph Health.

## 🤔 **Why It Matters:**

Backing from Altaris will enable Tegria to expand its outsourced technology services to additional provider and payer customers.

# #3 DEA Extends Telemed Flexibilities - Again

## **What Happened:**

The DEA extends telehealth flexibilities through December 31, 2026.

## **Why It Matters:**

This fourth extension will again allow providers to remotely prescribe scheduled drugs without first conducting an in-person visit.

# #4 Penn, Epic Develop Embedded-Tech Clinic



## **What Happened:**

Penn Medicine works with Epic to embed technology at the point of care.



## **Why It Matters:**

Penn Medicine's new multispecialty clinic will feature smarter, integrated Epic technology at the point of care in an effort to improve the overall patient experience.

# #5 New York Hospitals Consolidate

## 💡 **What Happened:**

NYC Health + Hospitals will take over struggling Maimonides Health.

## 🤔 **Why It Matters:**

The acquisition, funded with state money in order to protect Brooklyn's safety-net healthcare, will result in Maimonides implementing NYC Health's Epic system.

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