

This Week in Health Tech

HISstalk'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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