

This Week in Health Tech

HIStalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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#1 Danaher Will Acquire Masimo in \$10B Deal

💡 What Happened:

Danaher will acquire Masimo in a \$10 billion deal.

🤔 Why It Matters:

The acquisition – Danaher's largest – will enable the drug and diagnostics company to expand into the patient-monitoring products market.

#2 DOGE Releases Medicaid Claims Dataset



What Happened:

HHS' DOGE team releases a free, provider-level Medicaid claims dataset.



Why It Matters:

The downloadable dataset, the largest of its kind in the department's history, could help healthcare researchers uncover utilization patterns and other trends.

#3 Health System Layoffs Continue

What Happened:

Baystate Health and Northwell Health reduce corporate and IT headcount.

Why It Matters:

Baystate's decision to cut 117 positions and outsource its clinical engineering team to TriMedX, coupled with Northwell's decision to reduce its IT team, point to the increasing financial pressures health systems around the country find themselves faced with.

#4 Amazon Pharmacy Shakes Up Telemed Stocks



What Happened:

Amazon expands same-day Pharmacy deliveries, impacting telemed stocks.



Why It Matters:

Amazon's ability to impact the stocks of companies like Teladoc and Doximity highlight its growing power in the realm of retail healthcare, especially when it comes to differentiators like consumer convenience and affordability.

#5 HealthMark Group Acquires Purview

💡 **What Happened:**

HealthMark Group acquires medical imaging vendor Purview.

🤔 **Why It Matters:**

The acquisition gives health data exchange vendor HealthMark entry into cloud-based medical imaging data-sharing.

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