

# This Week in Health Tech

HISstalk's 5 Top Stories in 60 Seconds

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# #1 CMS Final Rule Axes the Fax, Snail Mail

## **What Happened:**

CMS issues a final rule aimed at streamlining electronic transactions.

## **Why It Matters:**

The rule, which standardizes electronic claims attachments and electronic signatures, aims to save taxpayers \$782 million annually.

# #2 Verily Rebrands, Raises Money

## **What Happened:**

Verily raises \$300 million and changes its name to Verily Health.

## **Why It Matters:**

The funding round sees Alphabet give up its majority stake in the company, which will now focus on developing AI-enabled precision health solutions.

# #3 Medicare Billing Glitch Jeopardizes Hospitals

## **What Happened:**

A Medicare billing software glitch jeopardizes rural provider cash flow.

## **Why It Matters:**

Rural hospitals in Minnesota say that the glitch is delaying millions in payments, worsening cash flow to the point that some fear they will have to close.

# #4 Doctronic Raises \$40 Million

## **What Happened:**

Doctronic announces \$40 million in Series B funding.

## **Why It Matters:**

The company will use the investment to expand its AI-enabled telemedicine service into pediatrics and to increase partnerships with health systems, payers, academic organizations, and digital health vendors.

# #5 Chartis Acquires Leap AI

## **What Happened:**

Chartis acquires venture studio Leap AI.

## **Why It Matters:**

Chartis will add Leap AI's healthcare AI development offerings to its advisory services through the new Chartis Leap AI Studio.

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