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Market Updates

[Global healthcare PE deal value hit record \\$190 billion in 2025 driven by health IT, medtech activity](#)

Healthcare private equity reached a record \$190 billion in deal value last year, a new report from Bain & Company finds. A spike in deals that were worth \$1 billion or more helped drive this record. Deal volume was the second-highest on record, at 445 buyouts, as was the exit value at an expected \$156 billion. Bain & Company predicts an active year ahead as portfolios mature and exit pipelines build. Global growth was driven by sustained activity in Europe and a resurgence in North America after second-quarter tariff pullbacks. Medtech deal value nearly doubled from 2024 to 2025 to \$33 billion and volume grew nearly 20% to approximately 88 deals.

[Tech investments health systems are scrutinizing in 2026](#)

In 2026, health systems are taking a more disciplined approach to technology investments that have shown promise but failed to deliver the operational or financial return initially expected. The increased scrutiny is not due to failed initiatives, CIOs told Becker's. Rather, it's driven by growing pressure to reduce complexity, improve adoption and ensure spending translates into enterprise-wide value. The focus has shifted from acquiring new tools to extracting more value from existing systems.

[OpenAI launches health-specific ChatGPT](#)

OpenAI on Wednesday rolled out dedicated health information chatbot ChatGPT Health in one of the artificial intelligence giant's biggest moves into healthcare. Users can connect their medical records and wellness apps, like Apple Health and MyFitnessPal, so ChatGPT Health can walk them through recent test results, help them prepare for doctor's appointments, put together workout routines or compare health plan options.

Healthcare Operators

[Pomelo Care banks \\$92 million to expand virtual women's health, pediatric care services](#)

Pomelo Care launched in 2021 with a virtual maternity care model that supplements traditional pregnancy care by proactively predicting and addressing risk factors. The startup is expanding beyond maternity care to more broadly to serve women's and children's health needs and it picked up \$92 million in series C funding to fuel its growth. Pomelo Care's services now span reproductive care, pregnancy, pediatrics and hormonal health as well as perimenopause and menopause. The company also supports long-term preventive care and condition management.

[IntelyCare acquires CareRev to build out workforce staffing solution for health systems](#)

IntelyCare, a tech-enabled healthcare staffing platform, acquired acute care labor marketplace CareRev to build out its healthcare workforce management solution. The company said the deal creates one of the most comprehensive clinical labor solutions in the market. Financial terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. The deal comes as health systems continue to face critical labor issues with rapidly shifting workforce needs across acute and post-acute care settings.

[RWJBarnabas Health signs deal to acquire Englewood Health](#)

RWJBarnabas Health has a definitive agreement in place to acquire Englewood Health, a fellow northern New Jersey nonprofit comprising a single 283-bed hospital and a network of more than 100 other locations. Monday's announcement did not give a timeline for the deal's close, but noted state and federal approvals will be necessary. It also described "significant capital investments" RWJBarnabas plans to make in Englewood to expand its outpatient offerings.

Healthcare Legislative and Legal Updates

[House votes to revive enhanced ACA subsidies](#)

The House voted 230-196 on Thursday to extend expired subsidies for Affordable Care Act plans for three years, with 17 Republicans joining their colleagues across the aisle in support. The vote sends the bill to the Senate, where it's expected to be dead on arrival. Though, some moderate senators are working on a compromise proposal, and the support for an extension could push the group to arrive at a solution. The enhanced subsidies were created in 2021 and expired at the end of December, exposing millions of Americans in ACA plans to steep premium hikes this year.

[Appeals court affirms temporary pause to contentious 340B rebate pilot](#)

A three-judge panel has denied the federal government's appeal of a district court decision temporarily blocking the launch of a hospital industry-opposed pilot swapping upfront 340B drug discounts for after-the-fact rebates. The 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, on Jan. 7, wrote that the Department of Health and Human Services and its agencies had "failed to carry its burden of 'mak[ing] a strong showing that [it is] likely to succeed on the merits.'"

[FDA paves way for more consumer wearables to hit the market, eases regulation of AI-enabled devices](#)

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) updated its guidance on Tuesday to allow more wearables to fall into a general wellness category and skip the agency's expensive review process before going to market. The changes build on the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Make America Healthy Again agenda and its recent efforts to open up regulatory pathways for health technology to assist in the treatment of chronic diseases.

Transactions Overview

Select M&A Transactions from 01/04/2026 to 01/11/2026

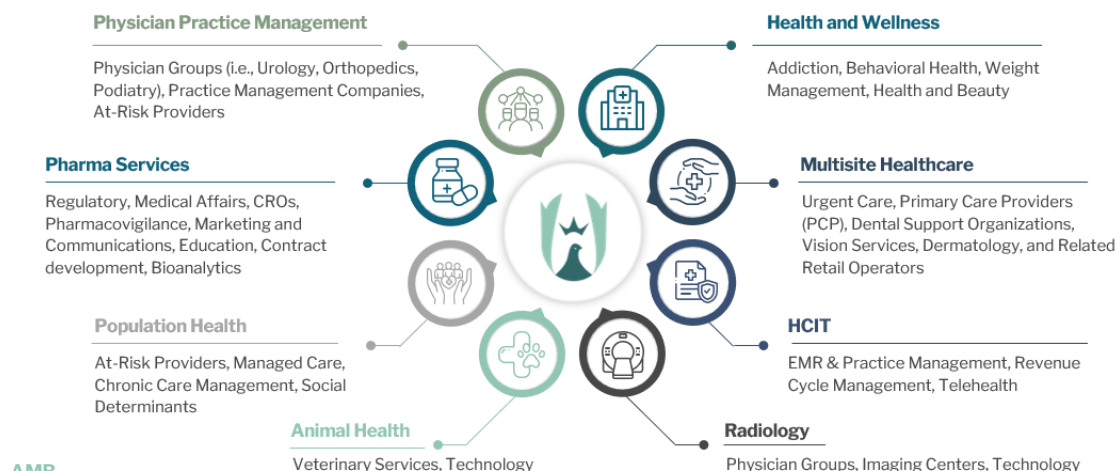
Date	Target	Buyer/Investor	Description	Status	Healthcare Vertical
1/9/2026	Dermatology San Antonio	Epiphany Dermatology, Leonard Green & Partners	Provider of dermatology and skin care medical services offering consultations, cancer screenings, cosmetic procedures, and personalized skincare.	Closed	HS: Dermatology
01/08/2026	CareRev	IntelyCare	Developer of a healthcare staffing marketplace platform connecting healthcare professionals with facilities.	Closed	HCIT: Staffing
01/08/2026	COTA	Verana Health	Developer of healthcare informatics and precision analytics software using cloud-based platforms.	Closed	HCIT
01/08/2025	Global Healthcare Exchange	Veritas Capital Fund Management	Developer of cloud-based technology and services for supply chain management, automating business processes and translating analytics.	Closed	HCIT
01/07/2025	Stellation	Skylight Health	Developer of an analytics platform using AI-augmented provider scoring, predictive matching, and outcome-based benchmarking to optimize care networks and reduce costs.	Closed	HCIT
01/07/2025	Consulting Cardiologists	Hartford Healthcare	Operator of 10 cardiologist locations throughout CT.	Closed	HS: Cardiovascular
01/07/2025	Atria Heart	Cardiovascular Consultants	Operator of a platform bringing the best cardiovascular physicians in one network, reducing costs, and improving patient care through clinical innovation.	Announced	HS: Cardiovascular
01/06/2025	Englewood Health	RWJBarnabas	Operator of a Northern NJ nonprofit comprising a single 283-bed hospital and a network of more than 100 other locations.	Announced	Health System
01/06/2025	Epic Physical Therapy	Intune Physical Therapy	Operator of a six-clinic physical therapy practice in NC.	Announced	HS: Physical Therapy

Based on publicly available information

The transactions featured in this week's newsletter represent a collection of notable deals, and unless stated otherwise, ambwealth was not involved in these transactions.

AMB at a Glance

AMB focuses on healthcare niches where consumerism and fragmentation meet to disrupt traditional healthcare channels. We are currently most active in the following segments:



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