



amb | investment banking

Weekly Newsletter

April 6th, 2026

AMB | Investment Banking

677 King Street, Suite 410 | Charleston, SC 29403

www.ambwealth.com

Securities Offered Through Allen Mooney & Barnes Brokerage Services, LLC (Member FINRA / SIPC)

Market Updates

[The FDA's U-turn on peptides could boost the next telehealth boom](#)

The FDA is easing restrictions on certain peptides, enabling broader compounding and prescription access. This shift could unlock strong consumer demand, similar to the recent surge in GLP-1 weight-loss drugs. Telehealth companies are positioned to capitalize by distributing these therapies through digital platforms. The change may fuel a new wave of growth in virtual care models focused on specialized treatments. Ongoing regulatory scrutiny remains a key risk as the market develops. Investors are closely watching the space as competition and funding activity begin to accelerate.

[AI scribe adoption linked to modest reductions in EHR, documentation time: study](#)

AI scribes are helping clinicians spend less time documenting in electronic health records, which improves workflow efficiency and reduces administrative burden. They cut down after-hours documentation, addressing a major contributor to physician burnout. This allows clinicians to focus more on patient care and enhance the quality of interactions during visits. While the technology shows promise, the actual time savings can vary across users and healthcare settings, and are generally modest.

[Despite better cash flow, providers missed out on more revenue in 2025 due to increased payer denials](#)

Providers managed to secure claims payments from insurers more quickly in 2025, but ultimately missed out on substantially more revenue due to a rise in clinical denial activity that was already elevated in 2024, according to a full-year look at more than 2,300 hospitals' and 350,000 physicians' revenue cycle data. Among these providers, the average time to insurance payment declined from 57.4 days in 2024 to 55.2 days in 2025, and was accompanied by a 2.3-day improvement in median accounts receivable days.

Healthcare Operators

[Employer telehealth company eMed raises \\$200 million at \\$2 billion valuation](#)

eMed pocketed \$200 million in funding to build out its AI agentic platform and offer new models for employers, including programs for GLP-1 medications. The company plans to use the fresh capital to support and fund a new capitated model designed to help employers bend the healthcare cost curve. GLP-1 medications are the most requested workplace benefit, yet only one in five companies provide the benefit, according to the company. The company provides clinically managed GLP-1 programs for employers. eMed boasts 90% member adherence, more than double the industry norm, with an average weight loss of 21 pounds.

[Cencora's \\$10 billion+ physician acquisition spree: A breakdown](#)

Cencora has spent over \$10 billion acquiring physician practice platforms and specialty groups, rapidly expanding its healthcare services footprint. These acquisitions include major deals in oncology, ophthalmology, and other high-growth specialties. The strategy reflects a broader trend of consolidation in physician services as organizations seek scale and integration. Deal activity has influenced valuations and competition among strategic and financial buyers in the ASC and practice management space.

[CHS closes sale of Alabama hospital](#)

Community Health Systems has closed the sale of another hospital as the for-profit health system makes progress paying down its debt. On Wednesday, nonprofit Huntsville Hospital Health System acquired Huntsville, Alabama-based Crestwood Medical Center from CHS for \$459 million. The purchase price is higher than the initial \$450 million deal proposed in January, when the two health systems signed a definitive agreement.

Healthcare Legislative and Legal Updates

[White House floats 12.5% budget cut for HHS in FY2027, reiterates reorganization plan](#)

The White House is asking Congress for a \$15.8 billion fiscal year 2027 discretionary budget cut for the Department of Health and Human Services, reflecting numerous program eliminations and other efficiencies it said will result from reorganizing subagencies. Friday's requested \$111.1 billion would be a 12.5% decrease from what Congress ultimately approved for the ongoing federal fiscal year. It's also a hedge from the sweeping \$33.3 billion discretionary budget reduction (-26.2%) the Trump administration had floated last year, which lawmakers largely rebuffed to keep HHS' discretionary funding at \$125.8 billion for FY2026.

[CMS tackles big policy changes with diminished workforce](#)

The CMS is implementing major policy changes, including Medicaid work requirements, while facing a diminished workforce. Staff reductions and restructuring have lowered morale and caused employee departures, increasing strain on the agency. Remaining employees must handle an expanding workload and complex policy initiatives with fewer resources. Experts warn that this imbalance could make implementation more difficult and potentially affect healthcare delivery and outcomes.

[CMS finalizes 2027 Medicare Advantage and Part D rule: 10 notes](#)

CMS published its final 2027 Medicare Advantage and Part D rule on April 2, enacting changes to star ratings, supplemental benefits administration, Part D coverage, and a series of deregulatory provisions. The rule is effective June 1 and applies to coverage beginning in 2027. The final rule does not implement the Excellent Health Outcomes for All reward (previously called the Health Equity Index), which had been finalized under the Biden administration and was set to take effect in the 2027 star ratings.

Transactions Overview

Select M&A Transactions from 03/29/2026 to 04/05/2026

Date	Target	Buyer/Investor	Description	Status	Healthcare Vertical
04/02/2026	Avid Health	Gyde	Florida-based Medicare insurance agency that helps beneficiaries navigate Medicare Advantage, Supplement, and Part D plans.	Announced	HCIT: Insurance
04/02/2026	Jopari Solutions Inc.	Office Ally	Provides healthcare technology and clearinghouse services, enabling electronic claims processing, clinical document exchange, and secure payments.	Announced	HCIT: Payment Solutions
04/02/2026	UI Solutions (PureEHS software)	Peak Rock Capital	Provides EHS, occupational health, and safety training software to help organizations manage compliance, risk, and workplace safety.	Closed	HCIT: Employer Services
04/01/2026	Premier Radiology Services	Global Imaging Solutions	Teleradiology provider offering subspecialty imaging interpretation to outpatient centers, orthopedic practices, and other healthcare providers.	Announced	HS: Imaging
04/01/2026	ActiveEDGE Physical Therapy & Wellness Center	ROC	Provider of personalized, evidence-based rehabilitation and wellness services designed to support long-term movement, strength, and function.	Closed	HS: Physical Therapy
04/01/2026	Community Health Systems, Inc. (AL Hospital)	Huntsville Hospital Health System	Operator of 180-bed Crestwood Medical Center in Huntsville, AL.	Announced	Health System
03/31/2026	MedReview	Vital Data Technology	Provider of advanced healthcare payer workflow and data technology.	Announced	HCIT: Payment Integrity
03/30/2026	RND OptimizAR	GeBBS Healthcare Solutions	Provider of healthcare revenue cycle management and medical billing services to help providers streamline operations and improve reimbursements.	Announced	HCIT: RCM

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:

Physician Practice Management

Physician Groups (i.e., Urology, Orthopedics, Podiatry), Practice Management Companies, At-Risk Providers

Health and Wellness

Addiction, Behavioral Health, Weight Management, Health and Beauty

Pharma Services

Regulatory, Medical Affairs, CROs, Pharmacovigilance, Marketing and Communications, Education, Contract development, Bioanalytics

Multisite Healthcare

Urgent Care, Primary Care Providers (PCP), Dental Support Organizations, Vision Services, Dermatology, and Related Retail Operators

Population Health

At-Risk Providers, Managed Care, Chronic Care Management, Social Determinants

HCIT

EMR & Practice Management, Revenue Cycle Management, Telehealth

Animal Health

Veterinary Services, Technology

Radiology

Physician Groups, Imaging Centers, Technology

Research

New sector insights each month

For our recent sector insights, click below

[Learn More](#)

AMB
Investment Bank
229-225-1500
info@ambwealth.com

AMB Investment Banking | Key Contacts

Ryan Loehr, Managing Director
843-405-1108
ryan.loehr@ambadvisors.com

Mikel Parker, Managing Director
843-501-2183
mikel.parker@ambadvisors.com

Johnny Cross, Vice President
843-371-8596
johnny.cross@ambadvisors.com

