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Market Updates

[Healthcare finance leaders cite federal funding uncertainty, Medicaid cuts as top concerns](#)

Government funding uncertainty and Medicaid cuts are the biggest concerns for the majority of healthcare finance leaders in 2026, according to a new report from Strata Decision Technology. The cloud-based financial analytics platform surveyed healthcare financial professionals nationwide for its annual financial outlook report. Labor expense was the second most-cited financial concern (48%), followed by payer rates and negotiations (30%), margin compression (28%), non-labor expenses (25%), inflation (23%), regulatory challenges (22%), labor recruitment and retention (18%) and data modernization (16%).

[Why women's health could be health care's next boom](#)

Women's health is becoming a major growth opportunity in healthcare, despite being historically underfunded and overlooked. Increasing valuations and successful exits are signaling rising investor confidence in the space. Significant gaps in research and data—largely due to male-focused medical models—highlight substantial unmet needs. Expanding beyond reproductive care into broader conditions could unlock strong economic value and improved outcomes.

[As coordination grows more complex, intelligent care is reshaping the response](#)

Care delivery is shaped by a constant stream of decisions and workflows that determine how patients move through the system. A patient arrives needing a bed while another is ready for discharge but faces an unexpected delay. Health systems already have numerous tools and a depth of data. The differentiator is how well they bring those elements together across the enterprise to drive action and better care delivery.

Healthcare Operators

[IKS Health acquires TruBridge for rural EHR and RCM solutions expansion](#)

IKS Health will acquire TruBridge for \$26.25 per share (up to \$565 million) in an all-cash transaction, with the deal expected to close in the third calendar quarter of 2026. The combined organization will support over 2,000 healthcare organizations and more than 150,000 clinicians across the ambulatory and acute care continuum. The acquisition integrates TruBridge's EHR and RCM solutions with IKS Health's agentic AI care enablement platform. The move specifically targets the rural healthcare gap, aiming to provide advanced technology to the one in five Americans currently facing challenges accessing local care.

[Tava Health lands \\$40 million series C to boost 3 new services](#)

Tava Health, one of the fastest-growing digital behavioral health startups in the U.S., has raised \$40 million in a Series C round. So far, the company has raised \$73 million since 2020, including historical funding data from Crunchbase. It announced the completion of a \$20 million fundraise in March 2024. In this latest round, Centana Growth Partners led the investment. Catalyst Investors, Blue Heron Ventures and Peterson Ventures — all previous investors in other rounds — also participated.

[Amperos Health secures \\$16 million investment as it launches industry's first AI-native denial management platform](#)

Amperos Health, the first insurance revenue recovery partner capable of working denials end-to-end entirely with AI, announced today that it has closed a \$16 million Series A funding round, led by Bessemer Venture Partners, with participation from Uncork Capital and Neo. The raise comes as Amperos launches the industry's first AI-native denial management and revenue recovery solution for healthcare providers.

Healthcare Legislative and Legal Updates

[Lawmakers introduce bipartisan legislation to improve access, quality of care in Medicare Advantage plans](#)

Lawmakers in the U.S. House of Representatives proposed bipartisan legislation Monday aimed at strengthening Medicare Advantage plan oversight to ensure seniors receive timely and high-quality care. The bill aims to “directly address” barriers to coverage and treatment, according to an April 22 press release. The proposal would: strengthen oversight and accountability for plans failing to meet compliance standards, increase transparency and streamline prior authorization processes to reduce care delays and expand access to post-acute care providers.

[CMS, FDA unveil speedier Medicare coverage pathway for breakthrough devices](#)

CMS and the FDA have introduced a new pathway called RAPID to speed up Medicare coverage for breakthrough medical devices. The program aligns the regulatory approval and reimbursement processes, allowing both agencies to work together earlier in development. This approach could reduce the time for Medicare coverage from over a year to as little as about two months after FDA approval. It focuses on high-impact Class II and Class III devices that address unmet medical needs for Medicare patients.

[AI-powered prior authorizations for Medicare have greatly delayed care, Washington state hospitals say](#)

A Washington State hospital report says a new Medicare pilot using AI-assisted prior authorization is significantly delaying patient care. The program, called WISeR, requires prior approval for certain “low-value” procedures in traditional Medicare and was designed to reduce waste and fraud. Hospitals reported that approval times for some procedures have increased from days or weeks to several weeks, with patients often experiencing repeated rescheduling and worsening symptoms.

Transactions Overview

Select M&A Transactions from 04/19/2026 to 04/26/2026

Date	Target	Buyer/Investor	Description	Status	Healthcare Vertical
04/23/2026	TruBridge	IKS Health	Provider of healthcare technology solutions for rural and community hospitals.	Announced	HCIT: Provider Solutions
04/23/2026	Select RCM Services & Select Health AI	Advanced RevCycle	Provider of revenue cycle services and AI-driven solutions designed to help healthcare providers optimize reimbursement, and improve operational efficiency.	Announced	HCIT: RCM
04/21/2026	QuikTrip (9 MedWise Urgent Care)	Saint Francis Health System	Operator of urgent care network; walk-in and telehealth clinics providing non-emergency medical services.	Closed	HS: Urgent Care
04/21/2026	Nesin Physical Therapy	Intune Physical Therapy	Operator of a four-clinic physical therapy practice serving the greater Huntsville, AL market.	Announced	HS: Physical Therapy
04/21/2026	Alegeus Technologies	UnitedHealth Group	Health care technology platform providing benefits administration for consumer-directed healthcare accounts.	Announced	HCIT: Other Payor
04/20/2026	Bonsai Capital	ModMed (Clearlake Capital Group)	Provider of AI-powered workflow automation software for healthcare providers, focused on helping clinics and physician groups manage patient engagement and operational tasks.	Announced	HCIT: Provider Solutions
04/20/2026	South Community Behavioral Health	Primary Health Solutions	Provider of full continuum of behavioral health and substance use services in the Greater Miami Valley region.	Announced	HS: Behavioral Health - SUD
04/19/2026	Team Recovery Technologies	Kipu Health	Developer of patient engagement and alumni program software. The company also provides consulting services to help behavioral health providers grow these programs.	Closed	HCIT: Behavioral Health

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

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