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Annual Meeting

Lost Pines Resort & Spa

2026



SESSION:

Synergy & Strategy



MODERATOR
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Wednesday, October 28th

4:00- 4:45 PM CT



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CMS Health Technology Ecosystem



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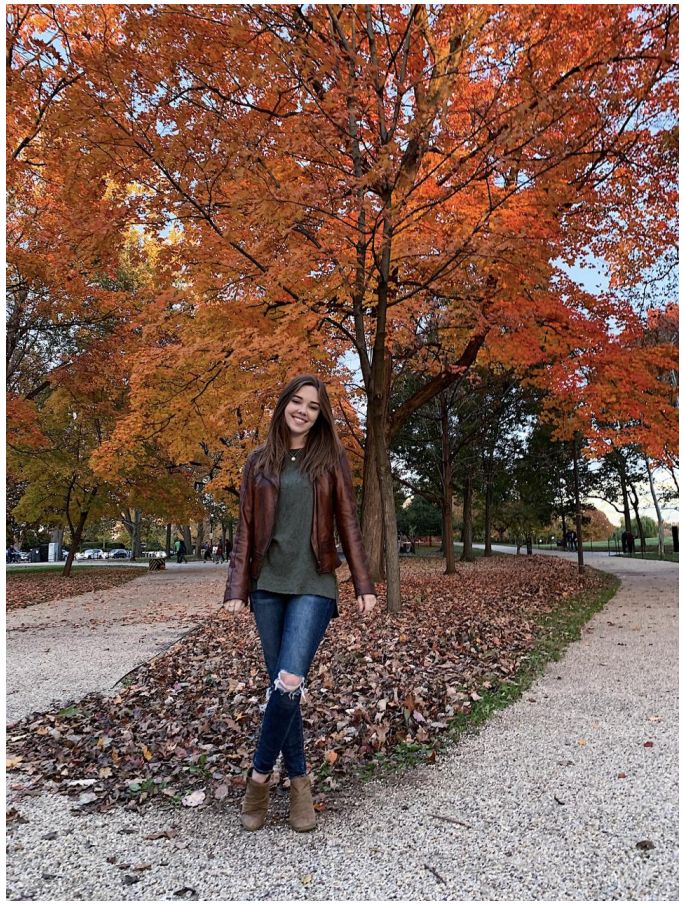
This is Morgan



457
days to a diagnosis

12
doctors

6
health systems

51
patient portals

21
medications a day

2
infusions a month

Her disease is rare. Her experience isn't.

131M
US adults live with 2+ chronic conditions

7 doctors
in 4 practices: the typical Medicare beneficiary in a year

1 in 3
waited 3+ months for an appointment

Sources: CDC Preventing Chronic Disease, 2025 (BRFSS 2023); Pham et al., NEJM, 2007; MDVIP / Ipsos, 2023.

We Have Normalized the Absurd

- Drive your MRI across town on a CD
- Onboard the same app on every network, one at a time
- Write 21 medications from memory on a clipboard. Again.
- Hunt for an endpoint in a directory that's out of date
- Log into portal #51 to see one test result
- Send a 40-page document when the doctor needed one lab
- Get matched to someone else's chart, or no chart at all
- Answer every query and get nothing back

The patient became the integration layer. You became the duct tape.

The Original Pledge

Patient experiences

Kill the Clipboard
QR code at check-in. No paper intake.

Conversational SI
Answers from your own record.

Diabetes & Obesity
Prevention and management, built on your data.

Interoperability

CMS-Aligned Networks
FHIR APIs, patient matching, identity-verified access, audit logs the patient can see

Infrastructure

Modern Identity
ID.me, CLEAR, Login.gov

National Provider Directory
One source of provider data for all of industry

Medicare App Library
Vetted apps, front door on Medicare.gov

Data

Blue Button
Medicare claims data for 70M+ beneficiaries, now with daily updates

Year One

60 → 1,000+

organizations, since the July 2025 White House launch

5% → 60% of patients can combine their records in one app

30+ patient apps certified and listed in App Library

Pledged and Delivering

How many have met General Availability, out of everyone who pledged.

20 of 48
Data Networks met GA

8 of 34
EHRs met GA

50 of 273
Patient-Facing App Companies met GA

9 of 25
Payers met GA

1,000+
Total Pledgees

GA counts as of October 2026. Patient-facing apps: 191 Conversational SI, 145 Kill the Clipboard, 54 Diabetes & Obesity pledged; companies can pledge in more than one.

What GA Means for Networks

General Availability requirements, written by the HTE community. Every CMS-Aligned Network commits to:

CMS Patient Matching	**No Portal Login**	**Every Purpose of Use**
Structured and Unstructured Data	**7-Year Audit Logs**	**Directory and Usage Metrics**
HITRUST Certified	**Manual Registration**	**Network-Defined Record Location**

GA launched July 2026. When you meet GA, let us know and we'll update the CMS website.

Year Two: Nine New Workgroups

Electronic prior authorization added in May. Eight more launched at the one-year mark.

Electronic Prior Authorization	**Price Transparency**	**Real-Time Benefits**
Modern Scheduling	**Clinical Trial Matching**	**Bulk FHIR**
Pharmacies & Pharmacy Systems	**ACCESS Providers**	**Ditch the Disk**

Continuing: networks, patient matching, patient preferences, Kill the Clipboard, conversational SI, diabetes and obesity, and more.

Coming Next for Networks

The open GA blockers, so everything connects once.

Dynamic Registration

Onboard once with a software statement, not network by network

Ecosystem-Defined Record Location

One shared way to find where records live, through the NPD

Requestor Trust

Vetting who can ask, and who carries liability

IAL2 Token Sharing

Verify once, recognized on every network

Network Terms of Use

Accept each network's terms, alongside existing frameworks

Adoption

The blocker only this room can fix

Status as of October 2026. Working sessions and specs live in the HTE Slack.

What's Next

Primary care in your pocket

SI native, built on trust and real data

Earned trust and common rules everyone can see

Real data and payment for outcomes

We're not done yet.

We need you.

Come join us.

Scan to take the pledge

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