



Healthcare M&A Outlook Positive for Remainder of 2024

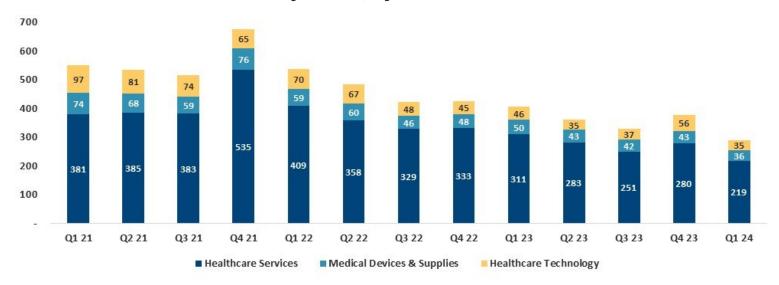
Though the overall volume of M&A is not as robust as in years past, the healthcare deal market is in a strong position. The uncertainty of 2023 caused by inflation and rising interest rates has subsided, and the outlook for the remainder of 2024 is positive.

Consolidation in the physician services sector continues to trend upward. Dental, dermatology, plastic surgery, and ophthalmology have been the most active subsectors, and that activity is expected to continue. The hundreds of private equity-backed physician service platforms in these subsectors still need to grow before pursuing an exit. They are actively looking to continue bolstering their platforms via add-on acquisitions to achieve scale. EdgePoint expects add-on activity to remain strong in the physician services subsector through 2024 as platforms prepare for sale in the latter half of 2024 and 2025.

The behavioral health sector also continues to see heightened M&A activity and growth. Behavioral health conditions have become increasingly common over the last several years, a trend exacerbated by the isolation and anxiety caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pervasiveness of these conditions is driving demand for behavioral health services. Platforms in this space are attracted to providers offering accessible treatment options, like telehealth, and that are able to retain talent and cultivate lasting patient relationships.

Staffing shortages and depressed reimbursement rates are significant headwinds. However, healthcare private equity groups have record levels of committed capital that have yet to be deployed. Platforms are aggressively searching for inorganic growth opportunities to prepare for an eventual sale. These facts, coupled with positive growth trends in several sectors, will bolster healthcare M&A for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025.

Healthcare M&A Transactions by Sector, by Quarter



Sources: Pitchbook; Epstein, Becker & Green PC; KPMG; Ziegler

Select Noteworthy Transactions

Date: January 2024 (Closed)

Target:



Sight360

Acquirer:



Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Physician Services

Sight360, a comprehensive vision care services organization, has combined with Florida Eye Specialists & Cataract Institute (FESCI). FESCI is an integrated ophthalmology and optometry practice with 10 locations and 33 physicians in the greater Tampa Bay area. Its physicians practice full-scope ophthalmology, optometry, and cosmetic surgery.

- As a result of the partnership, Sight360 will grow to 29 locations throughout the Greater Tampa Bay region with more than 50 doctors providing vision care.
- Sight360 will expand its combined scope of care to over 250,000 patients in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, and Polk Counties.

Date: April 2024 (Closed)

Target:



Acquirer:

HAEMONETICS[®]

Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Medical Equipment & Supplies

Haemonetics Corporation (NYSE: HAE), a global medical technology company, has completed its previously announced acquisition of Chicago-based Attune Medical. The acquisition includes an upfront cash payment of \$160m plus additional contingent consideration based on sales growth over the next three years.

- Attune Medical manufactures an esophageal cooling device called ensoETM® that is used to control patient temperature during radiofrequency cardiac ablation procedures.
- The acquisition of Attune Medical bolsters Haemonetics's presence in the electrophysiology market and complements the company's leading position in vascular closure.

Date: February 2024 (Closed)

Target:



Acquirer:



CENTREPARTNERS

Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Service Providers

Toney Healthcare, a clinically oriented consultancy and provider of utilization management, care management, and quality improvement services to health plans nationwide, has acquired Rebellis Group.

- Rebellis Group is an expert model consulting firm that addresses the needs of Medicare Advantage plans and their partners in areas such as strategy, change management, regulatory compliance, and system and process optimization.
- The partnership between Rebellis Group and Toney Healthcare is highly complementary, bringing together Toney Healthcare's expertise in clinical operations with Rebellis's expert model consulting services.

Date: February 2024 (Closed)

Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Behavioral Health

Target:



Acquirer:



Acadia Healthcare (NASDAQ: ACHC) has closed its previously announced acquisition of Turning Point Centers, a substance use and mental health treatment provider in Salt Lake City.

- Turning Point Centers is a substance use and mental health provider that operates eight locations in the Salt Lake City area. The company offers residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient services.
- "Turning Point Centers is a strategic addition to our facility portfolio, extending Acadia's geographic footprint for our specialty service line into a new state and enhancing our continuum of care in Utah to include all service lines," said Acadia Healthcare CEO Chris Hunter.

Sources: CapIQ, Company Filings, Pitchbook, News Releases

Select Noteworthy Transactions

Date: March 2024 (Closed)

PONTE VEDRA

PLASTIC SURGERY

ASCEND

Acquirer:

Target:



Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Physician Services

Ascend Plastic Surgery Partners, a plastic surgery and aesthetics practice management company, has partnered with Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery (PVPS). PVPS is a premier plastic surgery practice serving patients in North Florida and South Georgia.

- PVPS expands Ascend's presence into Florida, adding a fifth state, six additional surgeons, and six new locations to the company's footprint.
- Headquartered in Atlanta, Ascend Plastic Surgery Partners provides a full range of cosmetic plastic surgery and related medspa services.

Date: March 2024 (Closed)

Target:

Acquirer:



Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Medical Equipment & Supplies

Garware Fulflex has acquired Avcor Healthcare Products, a manufacturer and marketer of premium compression dressings, thermal compression and cohesive compression bandages, tourniquet straps, and IV aids for both institutional and retail healthcare markets. Avcor Health was founded in 1984 and headquartered in Grand Prairie, TX.

- Garware Fulflex will integrate Avcor Healthcare Products into its global portfolio, serving both existing and new customers with a wider range of medical consumable products.
- Garware Fulflex is an industry leader in thin gauge polymers, serving a wide array of sectors including medical, sports and rehabilitation, PPE, and textile.

Date: February 2024 (Closed)

*healthPRIME

Target:



Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Service Providers

Health Prime International, a provider of revenue cycle management solutions for physician practices, has been acquired by Aquiline Capital Partners.

- Founded in 2004, Health Prime provides tailored RCM solutions to over 800 clients across 50 specialties. The company's proprietary technology suite includes financial reporting tool Prime Datalytics and workflow automation applications Prime Link and Prime Flow.
- Health Prime was founded in 2004, headquartered in National Harbor, MD and has more than 3,500 employees. The company has completed 4 acquisitions since 2019 and is well positioned to continue to execute strategic M&A.

Date: February 2024 (Closed)

PRECISE AAPC

Targets:



Acquirer:



Overview / Strategic Rationale:

Behavioral Health

Beacon Behavioral Partners, a leading provider of support services for behavioral health practices, has added nine new partner clinics to its expanding network across the Southeastern United States.

The newly added partner clinics include: The Holiner Psychiatric Group (Dallas, TX), Prestige Clinic (Allen, TX), The Grant Group (Bedford, TX), Upswing Psychiatry (Amarillo, TX), Genesis Behavioral Health Services (Baton Rouge, LA), Precise Clinical Neuroscience Specialists (Jackson, MS), Arkansas Psychiatric Clinic (Little Rock, AR), Memorial Park Psychiatry (Houston, TX), and Right Track Medical Group (Oxford, MS).

Sources: CapIQ, Company Filings, Pitchbook, News Releases

Recent Announced & Closed Transactions (select transactions, not intended to be all-inclusive)

Date	Target	Acquirer	Target Description
PHYSICIAN	SERVICES		
3/29/2024	GDC Smiles	Foundation Dental Partners	GDC Smiles is a family dentist practice that offers general, cosmetic, and emergency dentist services
3/29/2024	Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery	Ascend Plastic Surgery Partners	Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery is a provider of cosmetic and reconstructive surgery services
3/27/2024	Millennium Periodontics	Specialized Dental Partners	Millennium Periodontics is an elite provider of periodontics in Chicago, IL
3/21/2024	Children's Dentistry	Sage Dental	Children's Dentistry is a provider of pediatric dental care and orthodontics services
3/19/2024	The Kidney and Hypertension Center	Panoramic Health	The Kidney and Hypertension Center is a provider of nephrology care services intended to offer treatment for kidney diseases and high blood pressure
3/8/2024	Ellipse Eye Group	ReFocus Eye Health	Ellipse Eye Group is a provider of ophthalmology services
2/26/2024	Dakin Otolaryngology; Doucet ENT; Noel ENT Clinic	Elevant ENT Partners	Dakin Otolaryngology, Doucet ENT, and Noel ENT Clinic are providers of ENT services in Louisiana
2/6/2024	The Orthopedic Partners	The Orthopaedic Institute	The Orthopedic Partners is an operator of orthopedic clinics intended for delivering advanced orthopedic care to patients
2/1/2024	Vanguard Aesthetic Plastic Surgery	Advanced Reconstructive Surgery Alliance	Vanguard Aesthetic Plastic Surgery is a provider of complex microsurgery treatments.
1/22/2024	Gastroenterology Associates	Texas Digestive Disease Consultants	Gastroenterology Associates is a provider of gastrointestinal medical services
MEDICAL E	QUIPMENT & SUPPLIES		
3/28/2024	Xtremity	WillowWood Global	Xtremity manufacturers unique socket preform using a proprietary carbon reinforced polymer
3/22/2024	SteriCUBE	HealthpointCapital	Dermlite is a designer and manufacturer of dermatoscopes and diagnostic tools.
3/21/2024	Harrick Scientific	Specac International	Harrick Scientific manufacturers high-quality spectroscopy equipment and optical components
3/15/2024	DermLite	FotoFinder Systems	DermLite designs and manufactures dermoscopy tools used by dermatologists and healthcare professionals
3/13/2024	Aire-O-Lite Optical	Chadwick Optical	Aire-O-Lite Optical is a manufacturer of small-batch cast ophthalmic lenses
3/6/2024	Allied Health Resources	PruittHealth	Allied Health Resources is a supplier of respiratory and other medical equipment and support services
2/29/2024	Avcor Health Care Products	Garware Fulflex USA	Avcor Health is a leading developer, manufacturer, and marketer of premium medical products and disposables
2/23/2024	Eye Prosthetics of Utah	United Ocular	Eye Prosthetics of Utah provides custom ocular prosthetics for those who have lost an eye to trauma, accident, or illness

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SERVICE PE	ROVIDERS		
3/28/2024	BioReference Health	Labcorp (NYSE: LH)	Labcorp has acquired the laboratory testing businesses of BioReference Health, a subsidiary of OPKO Health
3/28/2024	Antelope Valley Surgical Institute	Kaiser Permanente	Antelope Valley Surgical Center provides general surgery, eye surgery, and orthopedic and plastic surgery
3/21/2024	Thousand Oaks Surgery Center	TriasMD	Thousand Oaks Surgery Center is an AAAHC-accredited, Medicare-certified surgery facility
3/18/2024	Specialty Networks	Cardinal Health	Specialty Networks solutions include population health management, patient engagement, clinical research, and workflow automation technologies
3/11/2024	myDoc Urgent Care	MyTown Health Partners	myDoc is a cost effective, time saving alternative to Emergency Room
2/28/2024	Provider Network Holdings	Waud Capital Partners	Provider Network Holdings supports independent providers with technology, tools, and services for specialty drug purchasing, revenue cycle management, and supply chain
2/5/2024	Health Prime International	Aquiline Capital Partners	Health Prime International offers practice management and revenue cycle management solutions for medical practices
1/24/2024	Ametros Financial Corp	Webster Financial Corporation (NYSE: WBS)	Ametros is a provider of cost containment and post-settlement medical administration services
1/17/2024	Acclara	R1 RCM (NASDAQ: RCM)	Acclara is a leading technology-driven revenue cycle management company
1/3/2024	Illuminate Billing Advocates	Medusind Solutions	Illuminate is a comprehensive provider of insurance billing services in the mental health and substance abuse industry
BEHAVIOR	AL HEALTH		
3/29/2024	Project Recovery	QuickMD	Project Recovery is a well-established addiction treatment clinic in South Dakota
3/27/2024	The Neuropsychiatry & TMS Group	Beacon Behavioral Partners	The Neuropsychiatry & TMS Group is a distinguished outpatient mental health provider in Tampa, FL
3/12/2024	PAX Health	HCAP Partners	PAX Health is a behavioral health platform formed by the combination of Behavioral Medicine Associates, Workers Comp Psych Net, and Reservoir Health
2/22/2024	Roots Behavioral Health	Hightop Health	Roots Behavioral Health provides affordable and accessible behavioral healthcare in Austin, TX
2/16/2024	Stewards of Recovery	Wagner HC	Stewards of Recovery is a provider of substance usetreatment services
2/15/2024	Nine Behavioral Health Practices	Beacon Behavioral Partners	Beacon Behavioral Partners has added nine new partner clinics across the Southeast
2/1/2024	Sandhills Center	Trillium Health Resources	Sandhills Center offer treatment and support for individuals with mental health and substance use needs
1/10/2024	Hutton Healthcare	Crossroads Treatment Centers	Hutton is a provider of mental health and addiction treatment services based in Pittsburgh, PA

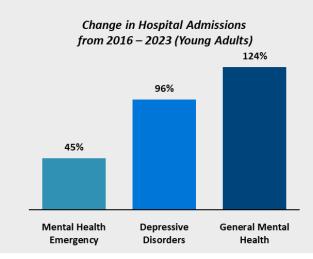
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Sector Profile | Behavioral Health

Behavioral health conditions have become increasingly common over the last several years, a trend exacerbated by the isolation and anxiety caused by the COVID 19 pandemic.

Existing platforms are attracted to providers offering accessible treatment options, retaining talented employees, and cultivating lasting patient relationships. The ability for providers to add and retain top talent in the current tight labor market is particularly attractive.

EdgePoint expects robust M&A activity in the behavioral health sector for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025.



Key Industry Players by Primary Sub-Sector







Industry Overview

20%

Of Adolescents Have a Mental, Emotional, Developmental, or Behavioral Disorder

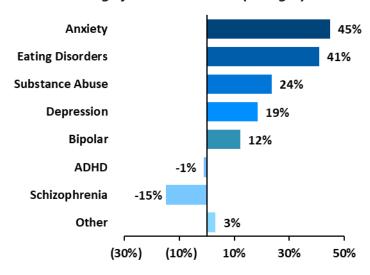
28%

Of Young Adults Have a Substance Use Disorder

25%

Of Behavioral Health Visits Are Virtual Compared to 1% pre-COVID 19

Change from 2019 – 2023 (All Ages)



Sources: Precedence Research; NAMI, NIH; Clarify Health Institute; Center for Improving Value in Health Care

Sector Profile | Behavioral Health | Survey

EdgePoint conducted a research survey focused solely on the behavioral health sector.

We surveyed premium buyers with either a current holding or a demonstrated interest in making an investment in the sector. Questions focused on topics such as the state of behavioral health M&A, what buyers look for in an acquisition target, subsectors of interest, and more. The responses indicate continued interest in the sector as a hotbed of M&A activity.

Figure 1: Subsectors of Interest to Buyers

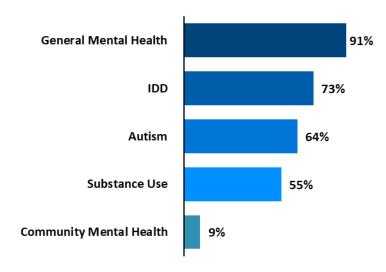


Figure 2: Expectation for 2024 M&A Activity

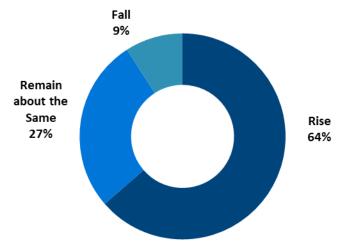


Figure 3: Top Attributes of an M&A Candidate

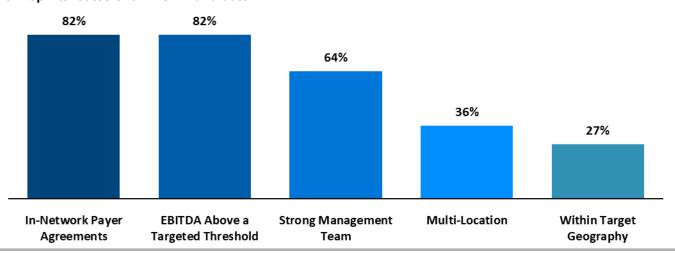


Figure 4: Most Significant Sector Tailwind

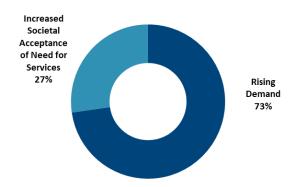
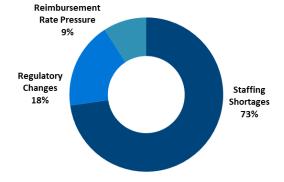


Figure 5: Most Significant Sector Headwind



Sources: EdgePoint Behavioral Health Survey 2024

Public Company Comparable Index Constituents

	Enterprise	LTM Margins		EBITDA		EV/EBITDA		Revenue	Revenue	e Growth	Stock	% of 52	
Company Name	Value (EV)	Gross	EBITDA	LTM	2024E	LTM	2024E	LTM	LTM	3-Yr. CAGR	Price	Wk High	
Community Health Systems, Inc.	\$ 13,169	41.0%	10.7%	\$ 1,338	\$ 1,535	8.1x	8.6x	\$ 12,522	2.6%	2.1%	\$ 3.50	53.6%	
HCA Healthcare, Inc.	131,889	39.7%	19.3%	12,869	13,253	9.6x	10.0x	66,716	9.6%	8.2%	333.53	99.7%	
Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc.	1,353	20.9%	9.5%	190	201	5.9x	6.7x	1,999	0.9%	4.7%	10.03	66.0%	
Surgery Partners, Inc.	8,013	23.9%	19.8%	554	497	12.7x	16.1x	2,795	7.1%	13.1%	29.83	65.1%	
Tenet Healthcare Corporation	29,395	38.5%	18.3%	3,821	3,403	6.8x	8.6x	20,892	7.4%	5.3%	105.11	97.5%	
UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	504,051	24.1%	9.2%	35,002	40,190	13.9x	12.6x	379,487	13.0%	13.0%	494.70	89.2%	
	Median	31.3%	14.5%	2,580	2,469	8.9x	9.3x	16,707	7.2%	6.7%	67.47	77.6%	
	Mean	31.3%	14.5%	8,962	9,847	9.5x	10.4x	80,735	6.8%	7.7%	162.78	78.5%	

Medical Equipment & Suppl	ies											
	Enterprise	LTM Margins		EBI	TDA	EV/EB	ITDA	Revenue	Revenue Growth		Stock	% of 52
Company Name	Value (EV)	Gross	EBITDA	LTM	2024E	LTM	2024E	LTM	LTM	3-Yr. CAGR	Price	Wk High
Becton, Dickinson and Company	\$ 86,417	44.6%	25.7%	\$ 5,070	\$ 6,025	17.1x	14.3x	\$ 19,716	4.8%	2.5%	\$ 247.45	86.1%
Henry Schein, Inc.	13,773	31.4%	7.5%	934	1,163	12.8x	11.8x	12,451	-0.6%	5.5%	75.52	88.1%
Masimo Corporation	8,577	48.6%	11.0%	217	410	34.5x	20.9x	1,976	-14.0%	19.0%	146.85	74.2%
Medtronic plc	132,785	65.7%	26.8%	8,677	9,585	14.8x	13.8x	32,320	5.0%	5.0%	87.15	94.7%
Stryker Corporation	146,526	64.0%	25.9%	5,438	5,911	27.0x	24.8x	20,963	10.6%	12.5%	357.87	99.0%
	Median	48.6%	25.7%	5,070	5,911	17.1x	14.3x	19,716	4.8%	5.5%	146.85	88.1%
	Mean	50.9%	19.4%	4,067	4,619	21.3x	17.2x	17,485	1.2%	8.9%	182.97	88.4%

	Enterprise	LTM Margins		EBI	TDA	EV/EB	BITDA	Revenue	Revenue Growth		Stock	% of 52	
Company Name	Value (EV)	Gross	EBITDA	LTM	2024E	LTM	2024E	LTM	LTM	3-Yr. CAGR	Price	Wk High	
Amedisys, Inc.	\$ 3,425	44.4%	10.1%	\$ 227	\$ 251	12.9x	13.6x	\$ 2,251	0.8%	2.1%	\$ 92.16	95.6%	
Astrana Health, Inc.	1,815	16.6%	7.6%	111	176	15.8x	10.3x	1,454	19.3%	27.7%	41.99	91.9%	
Cardinal Health, Inc.	27,352	3.3%	1.3%	2,783	2,975	9.6x	9.2x	220,572	11.0%	12.1%	111.90	96.4%	
Option Care Health, Inc.	6,632	22.4%	8.6%	379	441	16.1x	15.0x	4,433	9.6%	12.8%	33.54	93.8%	
R1 RCM Inc.	6,980	20.8%	23.3%	538	663	12.4x	10.5x	2,313	17.6%	21.4%	12.88	68.9%	
The Pennant Group, Inc.	918	21.1%	5.9%	34	91	11.8x	10.1x	575	18.4%	12.4%	19.63	95.8%	
	Median	20.9%	8.1%	303	346	12.7x	10.4x	2,282	14.3%	12.6%	37.77	94.7%	
	Mean	21.4%	9.4%	679	766	13.1x	11.5x	38,600	12.8%	14.8%	52.02	90.4%	

Behavioral Health																				
	Enterprise		LTM Margins		EBITDA		EV/EBITDA		Revenue		Revenue Growth			Stock	% of 52					
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Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.		\$	8,827	43.0%	22.1%	\$	661	\$	753	12.9x	11.7x	\$	2,993	10.9%	12.0%	\$	79.22	90.3%		
Universal Health Services, Inc.			17,565	40.3%	12.6%		1,853		1,975	9.3x	8.9x		14,658	8.0%	7.7%		182.46	99.4%		
	Median	1		41.6%	17.4%		1,257		1,364	11.1x	10.3x		8,825	9.5%	9.8%		130.84	94.8%		
	Mean			41.6%	17.4%		1,257		1,364	11.1x	10.3x		8,825	9.5%	9.8%		130.84	94.8%		

Source: CapIQ, public trading data as of March 31, 2024

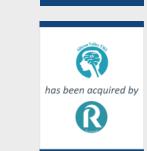
Representative EdgePoint Healthcare Transactions



NORTHEAST HEALTH SERVICES, LLC

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