

HAP E-BOOK SERIES 1

The Foundation Problem

Why AI Hasn't Reduced Healthcare's
Administrative Burden – And What Actually Will

*An Innovaccer Gravity Executive Brief for CEOs, CFOs, and
COOs of US Health Systems*

You've Done Everything Right. So Why Hasn't Anything Changed?

You approved the budget.

You selected the vendors.

You ran the pilots.

Your teams showed up, integrated the tools, and tracked the metrics.

And yet, the administrative burden in your health system looks almost identical to what it did three years ago.

This is the most common and most misunderstood problem in healthcare AI today. Leaders assume the issue is adoption, or change management, or model quality. It isn't. The issue is architectural, and until it's addressed at that level, no amount of AI investment will move the needle.

The Numbers Haven't Moved

35%

Of A Nurse's Shift Spent On
Administration, Not Patient Care

40 cents

Of Every Hospital Dollar Going To
Work That Never Reaches A Patient

\$1 trillion+

In Annual US Healthcare Administrative
Cost, Largely Unchanged Despite A
Decade Of AI Investment

74%

Of Healthcare Organizations Stuck In AI
Pilots That Never Scale

These aren't numbers from a system that hasn't tried. They're numbers from a system that has tried and keeps hitting the same wall.

The wall isn't AI capability. It's what AI is being built on top of.

The Real Problem: Agents Without Context

Most healthcare AI is deployed as point solutions: a scheduling agent here, a prior auth agent there, a coding agent connected to billing. Each is capable within its lane. Each is blind to everything outside it.

A prior auth agent that can't see a patient's clinical history approves the wrong thing. A coding agent that reads the claim but not the signed note codes the wrong thing. A denial management agent with no visibility into claim risk can't prevent the denial it was built to overturn.

These aren't bad agents. They're agents operating on fragments, and acting with the confidence of something that believes it has the full picture.

That confidence is the problem. A system that fails visibly gets fixed. A system that fails confidently gets trusted, until the downstream cost shows up in your revenue cycle.

The industry has spent a decade building better agents. It should have been building a better foundation.

What "Foundation-First" Actually Means

Clinical data lives in the EMR. Financial data lives in billing. Pharmacy, labs, payer adjudication, prior auth history: each in a silo, each requiring a human to assemble the context before any intelligent decision can be made.

No model sophistication compensates for this. The most capable agent in the world, operating on a fragment of the clinical and financial picture, will produce fragment-quality decisions.

The architecture that actually closes the gap has four properties, none of which are about model quality:

1 Unified data infrastructure built for healthcare.

200+ EHR connectors. 6,000+ data quality rules. Identity resolution across 80 million patient lives. Built over 14 years, not configured for a deployment. This is the difference between a data layer that was designed for healthcare and one that was adapted for it.

2 Agents that inherit the full picture.

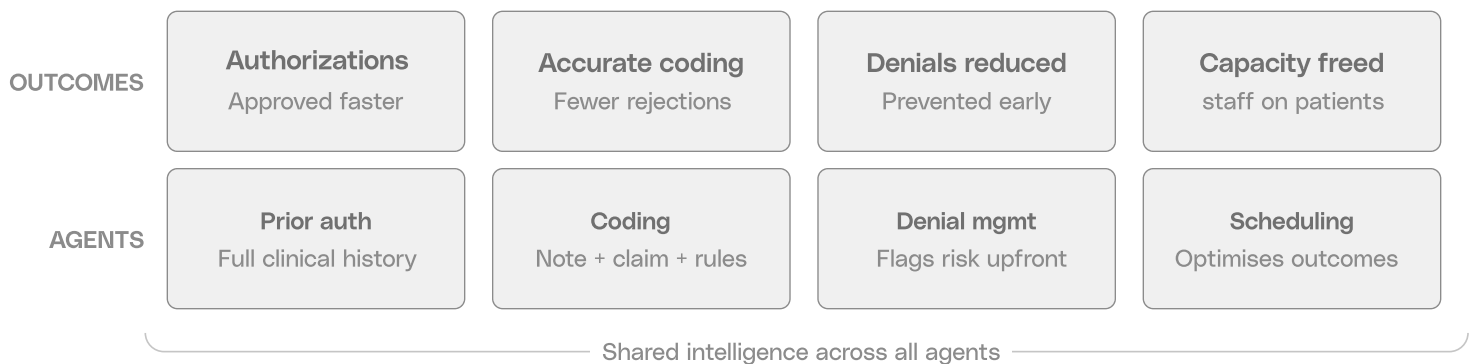
Every agent, whether prior auth, coding, denial management, or scheduling, operates from the same unified clinical, financial, and operational record. The prior auth agent sees diagnosis history and payer adjudication patterns. The coding agent reads the signed note alongside the claim. No inference gap. No confident wrong answer.

3 Coordination across agents, not isolation.

When agents share the same foundation, they learn from each other. A prior auth pattern changes downstream denial logic. A scheduling decision accounts for care management context. This is what separates a platform from a collection of point solutions, and the difference between incremental efficiency and structural change.

4 Commercial alignment on outcomes.

Standard enterprise software invoices regardless of performance. The right model ties payment to prior authorizations processed, denials overturned, and charts reviewed accurately. If the platform underperforms, it doesn't get paid. That is a fundamentally different relationship than the one most vendors offer.



FOUNDATION

Unified Data Foundation

Clinical (EMR) Financial Pharmacy
 Labs Payer / auth

200+ EHR connectors • 6,000+ data quality rules • 80M patient lives

What This Means for Your People

The 25 to 35% annual attrition in RCM is not primarily a compensation problem. It's a job quality problem.

When the routine is genuinely automated, not partially automated or assisted but fully resolved, the nature of administrative roles changes. RCM specialists move from processing to judgment. Nurses move from navigating systems to caring for patients. The work becomes what people came to do.

That's not a secondary benefit. In an environment where 10,000 people enter Medicare every day and the clinical workforce isn't growing to match, redirecting human capacity toward complex, high-value work isn't a nice-to-have. It's a structural necessity.

The Questions That Reveal Architectural Readiness

Before any vendor conversation, ask these:

What is your data foundation? How many EHR connectors? How many data quality rules? How many patient lives, and over how many years?

How do your agents share intelligence? Walk me through how a denial management learning changes prior auth logic. A vendor who can't answer this concretely has isolated agents, not a platform.

Is your pricing tied to outcomes? Or does the invoice arrive regardless of what the system actually delivers?

Can you show us value in our environment, before we commit?

Proving Value Before You Commit: The AI Bootcamp

Innovaccer's technical team comes onsite. They map your specific workflows. They build working agents against your real data in 48 hours and show you real outcomes: approval rates, processing times, revenue recovered.

No synthetic data. No reference customer benchmarks. Your environment, your numbers, your decision.

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About Gravity by Innovaccer

Gravity is the Healthcare Autonomy Platform, built foundation-first.

14 years of unified clinical, financial, and operational intelligence. 200+ EHR connectors. 6,000+ data quality rules. 80M patient lives. Every agent inherits that foundation. Every agent's learning enriches every other.

Priced on outcomes: Innovaccer earns when you do.