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## HITOC Updates

**HITOC Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities**, Contact:  
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*HITOC is developing Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT (2024-2028). Areas HITOC will explore under the Strategic Plan work include community information exchange (CIE), statewide health information exchange (HIE), patient access to data, electronic health record (EHR) adoption and implementation, health equity, and more. As part of this work HITOC chartered two workgroups, the CIE and HIE Workgroups. See below sections for additional information on this work.*

### Community Engagement

Community engagement for HITOC's Strategic Plan process is a priority focus area for 2023. At their June meeting, HITOC reviewed "[Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT 2024-2028: Existing Community Engagement and Input Report 2018-2022](#)". This report brings together the last several years of existing community input from hundreds of individuals and will inform HITOC's strategic planning work. HITOC anticipates hosting listening sessions this September, providing opportunities for anyone impacted by health IT to weigh in on the Strategic Plan. Be sure to [sign up to the Office of Health Information Technology's listserv](#) to receive dates and times when announced!

### HITOC August Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is [August 3](#) from 12:30-3:30. Members will engage in discussion on two of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup's draft concept papers: "Connecting the Care Team" and "Demonstrating Value with Social Determinants of Health Use Cases of HIE". Members will also hear about upcoming Strategic Plan community engagement efforts and events.

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*HITOC chartered the HIE Workgroup in April 2022 to provide recommendations to HITOC and OHA on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve HIE across the state. Recommendations should reflect perspectives from all interested parties and partners, specifically including those serving communities that face health inequities. The HIE Workgroup recommendations will inform HITOC's Health IT Strategic Plan for*

## What is HITOC?

The Oregon Legislature created the [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) to ensure that health system transformation efforts are supported by health information technology. HITOC is a committee of the [Oregon Health Policy Board \(OHPB\)](#), which sets policy and provides oversight for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), including OHA's health system transformation efforts.

HITOC has six responsibilities:

1. Explore health IT policy
2. Plan Oregon's health IT strategy
3. Oversee OHA's health IT efforts
4. Assess Oregon's health IT landscape
5. Report on Oregon's health IT progress
6. Monitor federal health IT law and policy

HITOC brings partners across Oregon together for centralized policy work, strategic planning, oversight of health IT efforts, and landscape/policy assessment, so health IT efforts are more coordinated. HITOC also provides health IT expertise to OHPB and to Oregon lawmakers so they are informed about health IT in Oregon when they make policies and laws about health.

OHA's [Office of Health IT & Analytics Infrastructure \(OHITAI\)](#) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

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Oregon and other OHA efforts. See the goals and full scope in the [HIE Workgroup Charter](#). For more information on HIE, see the [HIE Overview](#) and the OHA [HIE Workgroup website](#).

The HIE Workgroup has divided their work into five concept areas on which they are developing papers for HITOC's review. In their meetings, HITOC members review details of each concept area and provide feedback for additional topics they feel the Workgroup should address. The most recent drafts of the five concept papers are below:

1. [“Statewide Vision for HIE: Oregon’s Approach to HIE and Addressing Health Equity”](#) – June 2023 HITOC version
2. [“Advancing Population Health through HIE: Promoting Health Care System Transformation and Better Health Outcomes”](#) – July 7, 2023 HIE Workgroup version
3. [“Demonstrating Value with Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\) Use Cases of HIE”](#) – August 2023 HITOC version
4. [“Connecting the Care Team: HIE Adoption and Closed-Loop Clinical Referrals”](#) – August 2023 HITOC version
5. [“Consumers, Privacy & Security, and Data Quality”](#) – June 2023 HITOC version

At their June 2023 meeting, the HIE Workgroup continued their discussions on topics to inform the “Demonstrating Value with SDOH Use Cases of HIE” and “Advancing Population Health through HIE” concept papers, including holding breakout rooms to allow members to weigh in on priority suggestions made by the value-based payment subject matter expert panelists who presented at the May 2023 meeting. The Workgroup received a presentation from OCHIN on how they are implementing the 360x specifications/standards for closed-loop clinical referrals between electronic health record (EHR) systems. Finally, the Workgroup provided final feedback on the “Connecting the Care Team” concept paper, including responding to input on the paper provided by HITOC at its June 2023 meeting. An updated draft of the concept paper is included for HITOC review in its August meeting materials.

At their July 2023 meeting, the Workgroup walked through the context and recommendations included in drafts of the “Demonstrating Value with SDOH Use Cases of HIE” and “Advancing Population Health through HIE” concept papers. The group made some final suggestions, which will be incorporated into the papers, but was overall very supportive of the current status of both. Updated drafts of the concept papers will be distributed for HITOC review in their August and October meeting materials.

The HIE Workgroup will hold their final meeting Friday, August 18 at 9:00 AM. More details for this meeting and prior meeting summaries can be found on the HIE Workgroup website [here](#).

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*House Bill (HB) 4150 (2022) directed HITOC to convene one or more groups to explore strategies to accelerate, support, and improve secure, statewide community information exchange (CIE) and provide recommendations to the legislature in a draft and a final report. The HITOC-chartered [CIE Workgroup](#) met monthly from March to November 2022 and has concluded meeting. The CIE Workgroup brought together individuals representing Oregon’s diverse landscape of community, health care, and social services partners to provide recommendations on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve CIE across the state. Workgroup recommendations informed the HB 4150 legislative reports and will inform HITOC’s Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon and OHA efforts. For more information on CIE please see the [OHA CIE Website and the House Bill 4150 Final Report: Supporting Statewide Community Information Exchange](#).*

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## Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

**CCO Health IT (HIT) Roadmaps and Support**, Contact: [Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov)

*Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are contractually required to maintain an OHA-approved HIT Roadmap. CCOs are required to submit an annual HIT Roadmap to OHA reporting the progress made from the previous year, as well as plans, activities, and milestones detailing how they will support contracted providers in future contract years. As of 2022, CCOs are also required to submit data files reporting on EHR and HIE adoption by contracted providers.*

CCOs submitted “2023 HIT Roadmaps and HIT Data Reporting Files” to OHA by the March 15 deadline. These documents include 2022 progress and 2023-24 planned strategies to support EHR and HIE adoption, as well as health IT to support SDOH needs, including social needs screening and referrals. OHA completed reviewing CCO submissions and notified CCOs on June 16 whether Roadmaps were approved or if revisions are needed. OHA is holding meetings with each CCO through August to get further clarification on their health IT efforts.

OHA has begun summarizing the 2023 Roadmaps, which will be used to inform HITOC and OHA efforts. The [2022 CCO HIT Roadmap Summary](#) along with redacted 2022 HIT Roadmaps and reporting templates/guidance are posted on OHA’s [CCO Health IT Advisory Group \(HITAG\) website](#). HITAG met July 27, 1 – 4 pm and their next meeting is October 26, 1 – 4 pm.

**Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan**, Contact: [Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov)

*OHA’s Health IT team engages in ongoing environmental scan activities to inform health IT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHA’s Health IT team continues compiling data across the agency and other sources to serve various purposes, such as informing HITOC’s progress monitoring, program oversight, reporting priorities and strategic planning. Refer to [the 2022 HITOC Report on Oregon’s Health IT Landscape](#) for more information.*

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*The HIT Commons is a public/private collaboration to coordinate investments in health IT, leverage funding opportunities, and advance HIE across the state. HIT Commons is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLIC) and OHA, and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, health plans and CCOs. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).*

**EDIE and the Collective Platform (formerly known as PreManage)**

*The [Emergency Department Information Exchange \(EDIE\)](#) allows emergency departments (EDs) in real-time to identify patients with complex care needs who frequently use the emergency room for their care. [The Collective Platform](#) (fka PreManage) is a companion software tool to EDIE. The Collective Platform brings the same real-time hospital event notifications (ED and Inpatient Admit, Discharge, and Transfer [ADT] data) to those outside of the hospital system, such as health plans, CCOs, providers, and care coordinators. OHA supports a Collective Platform subscription that includes use by CCOs, Oregon Department of Human Services programs, Tribal clinics, and other Medicaid care coordinators.*

The [HIT Commons Users Advisory Group](#) met on June 23, 2023. Topics of discussion included: changes to the HIT Commons website, enhancements to Oregon’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) registry integration with EDIE ED notifications, and updates on priority EDIE/Collective Use Cases in development and being implemented. In addition, the group discussed updates from the HIT Commons Collective “Insights” Workgroup, a group of Collective users tasked with reviewing new “Insights” functionality for sharing information in the Collective Platform, including recommending a timeline for enabling the Insights functionality and developing a user tip sheet to assist users with the transition period. Lastly, the group heard a presentation from PacificSource on how they are using social needs referral history information in the Collective Platform

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being sourced from the Unite Us platform in Oregon. Materials from that meeting, including the current HIT Commons priority EDIE/Collective Use Case list are available [here](#). The next meeting is September 22, 2023.

### **Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration Initiative**

*Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects EDIE, Reliance eHealth Collaborative HIE, EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to Oregon's PDMP. HIT Commons is overseeing the [PDMP Integration initiative](#) with guidance from its HIT Commons Users Advisory Group and in coordination with OHA's Public Health PDMP program. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).*

Use of the popular PDMP Integration initiative continues to grow with 37 new organizations going live in Q2 2023, bringing the total number of Oregon facilities accessing the PDMP registry via Integration to over 1,500, and the total number of active prescribers to over 17,500. Additional information including a list of participating organizations can be found in the [Q2 2023 PDMP Integration Implementation Report](#).

## **Federal and State Health IT Policy Updates**

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*See past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) for news on federal health IT policy, updates to standards and guidance, including the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) efforts.*

### **Information Blocking Final Rule**

On June 27, 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) posted its [final rule implementing information blocking penalties](#). The final rule establishes the statutory penalties created by the 21st Century Cures Act. If OIG determines that an individual or entity has committed information blocking, they may be subject up to a \$1 million penalty per violation. More information can be found on the [OIG website](#).

### **ONC SDOH Information Exchange Toolkit and Learning Forum**

The new [Social Determinants of Health Information Exchange Toolkit](#), released February 2023, is a practical, on-the-ground resource designed to aid the health IT community in the implementation of initiatives that recognize the importance of using SDOH information. The Toolkit can serve as a resource for initiatives that support the collection and use of SDOH information in communities across the United States, and includes considerations related to community engagement, health IT standards, infrastructure, interoperability, and governance.

ONC also hosted a series of webinars between February and June on SDOH information exchange. Videos of the webinars can be viewed on [ONC SDOH Information Exchange Learning Forum](#) webpage.

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### **Oregon Legislation Impacting Health IT: 2023 Legislative Session**

Oregon's 2023 legislative session adjourned June 25, 2023. Passed legislation goes to the Governor to sign into law or veto. OHA's health IT staff is tracking the implementation of multiple bills that passed with health IT and/or HITOC impacts, including:

- [SB 619](#): Requires organizations to provide certain data rights to consumers, including rights to know how their data is processed, to correct or delete data, and to opt out. Organizations must also place higher protections on "sensitive data" such as biometric data or for children's data. This proposal grew out of Oregon's Consumer Privacy Task Force.
- [SB 1089](#): Establishes the Universal Health Plan Governance Board tasked with creating a plan for implementing a Universal Health Plan. The plan will need to identify IT infrastructure needed for overall Plan operations. As of July 24, this bill is awaiting the Governor's signature.

- [HB 3258](#): Makes various amendments to laws governing Oregon’s PDMP program, including but not limited to: requiring the PDMP program to contract to ensure the operation of any technology integrations between the PDMP system and health IT systems used by authorized practitioners and pharmacists, and requiring disclosure of minimal PDMP data to authorized Oregon Medicaid leadership and program staff, and CMS, to ensure the PDMP system meets CMS Medicaid Enterprise Systems certification requirements. As of July 24, this bill is awaiting the Governor’s signature.

**Oregon 2022-2027 Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver**, Contact: [1115Waiver.Renewal@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:1115Waiver.Renewal@dhsosha.state.or.us)

On September 28, Oregon received federal approval to pilot first-in-the-nation changes to the state’s Medicaid program over the next five years. Under the agreement, Oregon will receive \$1.1 billion in new federal funds to address inadequate food, housing and other root-cause issues that lead to poor health for people and families struggling to make ends meet. The agreement between Oregon and the federal agency Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) renews Oregon’s current section [1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver](#) for the next five years (covering 2022 – 2027) and provides federal sign-off and funding to implement the new changes.

Health IT plays a critical role in supporting [approved changes in the waiver](#) related to stabilizing transitions for Oregon Health Plan members, including supporting members transitioning from corrections, psychiatric, and foster care settings. Health IT tools can also play an important role in supporting information sharing between health care and social services to capture health related social needs, referrals, and services.

For more information, see the [Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application webpage](#).

## Stay Connected

You can find information about HITOC at our [website](#). Meetings are open to the public and public comments are accepted at the end of each meeting or in writing to the HITOC Chair and Vice-Chair in care of OHA ([HITOC.INFO@odhsosha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsosha.oregon.gov)).

Refer to past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) to review previous health IT resources, historical state and federal updates, and more.

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