Office of Health IT Updates
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Health information exchange entities - Request for information

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology posted a Request for Information (RFI) OHA-1038-16 (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act). The purpose of this RFI is to solicit information from organizations operating an active health information exchange (HIE) in Oregon. This RFI is for information gathering purposes in order to assist with criteria which may be used in possible future procurements related to the HIE Onboarding Program (HOP). The HOP will help Medicaid providers meet multiple Meaningful Use Objectives and promote the exchange of health care information among Oregon providers. This program relates to the guidance provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the State Medicaid Director letter 16-003 on February 29, 2016.

The RFI OHA-1038-16 and related tables can be found within the state's procurement and contracting site, ORPIN. If you do not have an ORPIN account, please use this guide to set one up: ORPIN Account Guide. The RFI will close on 12/30/16 at 12:00pm (noon) Pacific. If you have any questions related to the RFI, Dave Reynolds is the single point of contact. He can be reached at David.O.Reynolds@dhsoha.state.or.us or (503) 945-5988.

Periodic updates on the program will be posted on the the OHIT website.

2016 - Last year to begin Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Program Year 2016 is the last year eligible professionals (EPs) can begin the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. The program runs through 2021. EPs may receive incentive payments for up to six years for a maximum amount of $63,750.

EPs can receive an incentive payment for adopting, implementing or upgrading certified EHR technology in their first year of participation. Don't miss out. Deadline for EPs to begin participation and take advantage of incentive payments is **March 31, 2017**.

Call for new Provider Directory advisory members

OHIT is seeking qualified candidates to join its new Provider Directory Advisory Committee (PDAC) and Provider Directory Subject Matter Expert Workgroups (PD-SME). The groups will consist of diverse health care professionals with backgrounds in provider data/directories and represent project stakeholders.

Each group will play a unique role in providing the Oregon Health Authority expertise and guidance on policy, program, and technical considerations for the design and implementation of Oregon's Provider Directory. These groups will build on the work of the Provider Directory Advisory group that provided OHA guidance on directory services and technical considerations.

This is a two-year commitment. The Provider Directory is expected to be implemented in 2018. Technology vendors are not eligible to serve on the advisory groups.

Additional details on each group and members' role are outlined in the formal application. Interested individuals can download the application from the OHIT website. Applications must be submitted to ohit.info@state.or.us no later than December 30, 2016.

Mark your calendar for 2017 health IT public meetings

- Jan. TBD – HIT/HIE Community and Organizational Panel
- Jan. 18 - Provider Directory Advisory Group
- Feb. 2 – Health Information Technology Oversight Council
- March 2 (Tentative) - Health Information Technology Oversight Council
- April 6 - Health Information Technology Oversight Council

Visit the Office of Health IT website for meeting details.