

# May 2023 eNews

Welcome to the Office of Health Information Technology (IT) & Analytics Infrastructure eNewsletter! Here you will find updates on health IT in Oregon and at the federal level. For a deeper dive into health IT in Oregon check out the [Policy and Program Updates](#). If there are specific items you would like to see in this newsletter, please send ideas to [HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

## HITOC

### June Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is [June 8](#) from 12:30-3:30. Members will engage in discussion on the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup's draft concept papers on the Statewide Vision for HIE and Roles of Consumers and HIE, as well as reviewing the concept area of connecting the entire care team. Members will also review a summary of community engagement from the last several years as part of the Strategic Plan Update work, and be kept informed on Oregon legislative session bills related to health IT.

### April Meeting

HITOC met on [April 6](#) and heard from guest speaker Mark Savage, the Managing Director, Digital Health Strategy & Policy, at Savage & Savage LLC and Social Determinants of Health Policy Advisor at the Gravity Project, about privacy changes at the federal level. Members also discussed initial concepts from the HIE Workgroup.

## Federal Highlights

### Comment Opportunity: Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\) for public comment](#) on proposals to implement certain provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) and make several enhancements to the ONC Health IT Certification Program (Certification Program) to advance interoperability, improve transparency, and support the access, exchange, and use of electronic health information.

Highlights include:

- Implementing the "EHR Reporting Program" to provide transparent reporting on certified health IT
- Providing enhancements to the information blocking regulations in response to feedback from affected parties
- Proposing adoption of United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Version 3 to replace USCDI Version 1 as the standard
- Updating the Certification Program's standards, criteria, and requirements
- Clinical decision support (CDS) with several new transparency requirements for Health IT Modules that enable or interface with technology intended to support decision making based on predictive models or algorithms
- New functionality that enables a provider to flag whether specific pieces of a patient's USCDI data should be restricted from subsequent use or disclosure

For more information, see the [announcement](#) and [fact sheet](#), review the [proposed rule](#) and [submit comments](#) by June 20, 2023.

## Upcoming Events: Oregon HIMSS

The HIMSS Oregon Annual Conference, Transformation in an era of Constraint, is coming up on June 1 in Portland. The conference will include a session on The State of the State: Bridging Healthcare and Community Services. Speakers from Oregon Health Authority and PacificSource Health Plan will share how Oregon is transforming our Medicaid program to address the social determinants of health, and the role of health IT to support bridging between health care and the social services sectors, including: Oregon's historic new Medicaid 1115 waiver, HITOC's strategic planning work, and experience from a Medicaid coordinated care organization on how Community Information Exchange (CIE) is changing the game for connecting health care and social services and what it take to make CIE work for their community.

Other topics include:

- Stories of Inspiration: Discovering Hidden Sparks to Ignite your Transformation Journey
- Informatics Innovation: Quarter-Century of OHSU Leadership
- Smart Subtraction: How to Rationalize Applications
- Cyber and Privacy
- Human-centered Design for Healthcare
- Investing in our Teams: How to Develop and Grow Talent
- The Future of Efficiency: AI, ML, & Automation

The HIMSS Oregon Annual Conference will be held June 1, 2023 8:30 am – 5:30 pm. Registration, location details and additional information can be found on the [HIMSS Oregon Chapter website](#).

## Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- June 8, 2023, 12:30-3:30: [HITOC Meeting](#)
- June 16, 2023, 9:00-12:00: [HIE Workgroup monthly meeting](#)
- July 14, 2023, 9:00-12:00: [HIE Workgroup monthly meeting](#)
- July 27, 2023, 1:00-4:00: CCO [HIT Advisory Group \(HITAG\) quarterly meeting](#)

### Want to weigh in on OHA's Health IT work? How to make public comment:

OHA's Health IT committee and workgroup meetings (i.e., HITOC, HIE Workgroup, HITAG) are open to the public, and public comment is always welcome at the meeting during the specified time or in writing at any time. Public comment is an important part of OHA's committee work and is an opportunity for members of the public to provide input and feedback to the Committee or Workgroup.

**Meetings:** Typically, the public comment period is held at the end of each meeting. There may occasionally be more than one comment period. Members of the public are asked to comment or post in the chat only during this period, and to keep verbal comments to about 2 minutes. The public comment period is held solely for the public to share their thoughts with the Committee or Workgroup. Committee members are unlikely to ask questions or respond to public comment directly but give

consideration to public comments during committee work. If you know before the meeting that you'd like to provide public comment, you can email [HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov) to sign up. If you'd like to provide public comment during the meeting, you can message one of the hosts to sign-up. If you are unable to message, please speak up during the open public comment period.

**Written Comment:** You can also send written public comment to [HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov) at any time. To be included in the materials a meeting please submit the comment no less than 2 business days before the intended meeting. Please specify which group it is for – HITOC, HIE Workgroup, or HITAG. Written comment is emailed out and posted as part of meeting materials.

**Have questions about public comment?** We want to hear from you! Please email [HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov)