

About the Health Information Technology Oversight Council – HITOC

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) was created by the passage of HB 2009 within the Oregon Health Authority. The Council is comprised of eleven individuals appointed by the governor, and is charged with developing and implementing a statewide strategic plan for electronic health information exchange, coordinating public and private efforts to increase adoption of electronic health records, setting technology standards, ensuring privacy and security controls, and creating a sustainable business plan to support meaningful use of health information technology to lower costs and improve quality of care.

Upcoming Events:

HITOC Webinar

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
700 Summer St. NE 2nd floor
Salem, OR

HITOC Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2011
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Portland State Ofc. Bldg. Rm. 1D
800 NE Oregon St.
Portland, OR

HITOC Meeting

Thursday, December 1, 2011
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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Policy Board Seeks Health IT Input From HITOC

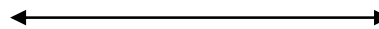
Nov. 3 HITOC meeting will focus on IT criteria for CCOs

Better coordinated care for patients improves health and reduces costs. That's why Oregon's drive to create a better health delivery system includes the implementation of efforts around health information technology (Health IT).

As the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB) moves forward with its plan to transform health care, its members plan to work with HITOC to gather input and advice on health IT issues related to the development of Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). CCOs would bring together and manage all areas of care for Oregon Health Plan (OHP) patients locally.

As the board prepares the business plan for CCOs, HITOC will help inform the development of initial baseline criteria and longer-term transformational criteria CCOs must meet regarding their infrastructure for health IT and the Health Information Exchange (HIE).

When HITOC meets November 3, members will evaluate staff-developed draft criteria and provide a suggested set of criteria to the board for consideration at the November 8 OHPB meeting.



October 26 Webinar Will Cover Incentive Program Details
Event aimed at Eligible Professionals in Medicaid Program

A brief webinar has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, that will help Oregon Health Plan professional providers learn more about the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, which is now open for registration.

The 15-minute information sharing session starts at 9:30 a.m. Learn if you are eligible to apply, and the steps required to begin the application process. There is an optional 45-minute question-and-answer session with subject matter experts immediately following the presentation.

To reserve a seat for the webinar, go to <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/766383722>. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

OMA Sponsors Workshops on Quality, EHRs, Care Coordination Session for providers on quality set for Friday, October 21 in Portland

A five-hour CME-accredited workshop intended for physicians and other healthcare providers who want to learn more about the quality-HIT connection will be held on Friday, Oct. 21, from 9 am to 4 pm at the Oregon Medical Association Headquarters in Portland. Program topics include Health IT and practice workflow redesign as instruments of quality improvement; implementing quality management and reporting through electronic systems; and others.

Additional workshops will be held on other topics on November 15 and December 6. The November workshop covers adoption, implementation and upgrading of EHR systems (it was rescheduled from an earlier date). The December 6 session is titled Coordinating Care in a Patient Centered Model, and will cover updates on Coordinated Care Organization and Accountable Care Organization models, the role of EHRs in facilitating the transition to those models, EHRs and public health initiatives, and the experience of early adopters in Oregon.

Registration is open to all, and is \$169 for OMA members and their staff, and \$203 for non-members. Complete course information, including online registration and series discount information, is available online at the OMA website at www.theoma.org/passport.

Query Health Project Harnesses the Power of Multiple EHRs

September 6 marked the launch of ONC's vitally important Query Health initiative. Query Health is a public-private collaboration chartered to establish standards and services for distributed population queries of electronic health records. ONC is seeking active participation from interested and engaged parties who have an interest in helping create these standards and services.

A standardized clinical information model and a common method for querying data sources are critical to enabling and simplifying data aggregation across widely distributed EHR systems.

There are three Query Health Workgroups that are actively seeking participants:

- The **Business Work Group** is responsible for privacy, security, consent, sustainability, data use arrangements and, Query Health best practices;
- The **Clinical Work Group** is responsible for developing the Use Case, Functional Requirements, and vocabulary, as well as specifying "What questions?" "What data?" and "What results?" and
- The **Technical Work Group** will be responsible for the technical implementation of Query Health including the standards and reference implementation. This group will also be responsible for support for the pilots.

For more information on these different groups, visit the Query Health site at www.queryhealth.org.

More than 60 Oregonians Sign e-Health Pledge

See details of the [pledge online](#) at HITOC's website

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Karen	Armstrong	Salem Nurse-Midwives
George	Beckett	Office of eHealth Initiatives
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William	Braithwait	Equifax
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Kay	Dickerson	OHSU Family Medicine @ Richmond
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Virginia	Lankes	OHSU
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Judi	Low	OCHIN
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Anne	Shouse	Heart Center Cardiology
Sharon	Stanphill	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
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Ken	Willett	Ignis Systems
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Richard	Williams	Mid Rouge eHealth Services
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Chris	Woody	Medical Management Support Services Inc.
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Oregon Providers Signing Up for EHR Incentives

More than 100 applications accepted so far

More than 100 applications have been received by state officials since the Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Program began accepting them on September 26.

Hospitals and health care professionals eligible to participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program are now using an online application process. A separate Medicare EHR Incentive Program is being administered by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The programs provide federal funds to support the implementation and use of certified electronic health record systems in clinics and hospitals.

The Oregon [program's website](#) contains guidance manuals and worksheets that provide step-by-step instructions on how to participate.



Recent Articles of Interest

- [Report: Health IT Key to Success of Accountable Care Organizations](#) (Information Week)
- [Stakeholders Eye Health IT Tools To Improve Care Transitions](#) (Healthcare IT News)
- [56M U.S. Adults Have Accessed Health Data via EHRs, Report Says](#) (Becker's Hospital Review)

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National spot for Oregon's John Hall

Oregon's own John Hall, principal at Krysora, has been named Direct Project Coordinator at the national level.

The position is affiliated with the Office of Standards and Interoperability within the federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

In making the assignment, S&I Framework Coordinator Jitin Asnaani said: "At this point, what Direct needs most is leadership from the trenches, and John has been catalytic for a growing number of Direct Project implementations nationwide, thanks in no small part to his outstanding work with ONC's State HIE program and its grantees."

Hall has been an essential part of Oregon's health information exchange planning process for the past two years.

The Direct Project specifies a simple, secure, scalable, standards-based transportation mechanism that allows participants to send encrypted health information directly to known, trusted recipients over the Internet. Direct can help providers quickly ramp up to participating in data exchange.