

Office of Health Information Technology

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) serves as a partner and resource for both state programs and other public and private users of HIT. OHIT provides effective HIT policies, programs and partnerships that support improved health for all Oregonians.

HITOC Highlights: What to Expect in June Meeting

We're preparing for HITOC's June 5th meeting, which will be held Wednesday instead of Thursday due to the annual Oregon HIMSS conference. During the meeting, HITOC will...

- Hear a presentation about improving patient engagement using health IT. The presentation will include an introduction to patient engagement generally, as well as an overview of ongoing federal, state, and community efforts.
- Provide input on the Health Equity Committee's draft definition of "health equity."
- Learn more about the second draft of the federal Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA), which is currently open for public comment (see information below).
- Receive an update on OHA's Confidentiality and Privacy toolkit, which is designed to help health care providers and other users better understand when sharing information related to substance use disorders is permitted (related to federal requirements under 42 CFR Part 2). The toolkit will include frequently asked questions, sample consent forms, a legal helpline, and other resources.

The HITOC meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 5, from 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in Suite 775 of the Five Oak Building in Portland. Meeting materials and agenda will be available here.

CCO 2.0 Contracts to be Awarded July 9

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is scheduled to award coordinated care organization (CCO) contracts as part of CCO 2.0 on July 9, 2019. OHA received nineteen applications from organizations seeking contracts to serve as CCOs for the Oregon Health Plan's nearly 1 million members. The contracts start January 1, 2020 and go through December 31, 2024.

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New in CCO 2.0 is a health IT roadmap requirement. The roadmaps will outline activities, milestones, and timelines each CCO plans to follow as it utilizes health IT to achieve its goals. Each year, the CCOs will update their roadmaps to keep OHA apprised of their progress and receive guidance.

Each roadmap will cover four primary content areas:

- CCO participation in Health IT partnerships with the HIT Commons and OHA’s HIT Advisory Group
- CCO support for electronic health record adoption
- CCO support for health information exchange including hospital event notifications
- CCO use of health IT for value-based payments and population health management

[Learn more about these content areas >](#)

[Get the latest on CCO 2.0 >](#)

TEFCA Comments Due June 17

On April 19, 2019, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released Draft 2 of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA). The draft outlines a common set of principles, terms, and conditions to support the development of a Common Agreement that would help enable nationwide exchange of electronic health information across disparate health information networks. **The HHS is requesting public comment on the following areas – comments are due June 17, 2019.**

- **The Trusted Exchange Framework (TEF) Draft 2:** A common set of principles that are designed to facilitate trust between health information networks (HINs) and by which all HINs should abide in order to enable widespread data exchange. These principles are the foundational concepts that guide the development of the Common Agreement.
- **The Minimum Required Terms and Conditions (MRTCs) Draft 2:** These are the mandatory terms and conditions that Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) voluntarily agree to follow. The Common Agreement would include the MRTCs, as well as additional required terms and conditions developed by an industry-based Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE).
- **The QHIN Technical Framework (QTF) Draft 1:** This document is incorporated by reference in the Common Agreement. It details the technical and functional components for exchange among QHINs.

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Last Chance to Comment: Proposed Rules About Improved Interoperability

The public comment periods for the Office of the National Coordinator for HIT (ONC) 21st Century Cures Act proposed rule and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Interoperability and Patient Access proposed rule have been extended an additional 30 days. **The comment period for both proposed rules will now close on June 3, 2019.**

ONC’s proposed rule promotes secure and more immediate access to health information for patients and their health care providers and new tools allowing for more choice in care and treatment. Specifically, the proposed rule calls on the health care industry to adopt standardized application programming interfaces (APIs), which will help allow individuals to securely and easily access their health information using smartphones and other mobile devices. The rule would require that patient electronic access to this electronic health information be made available at no cost. [Learn more and provide comment >](#)

CMS’ proposed changes to the health care delivery system support the MyHealthEData initiative and would increase the seamless flow of health information, reduce burden on patients and providers, and foster innovation by unleashing data for researchers and innovators. This rule also proposes to publicly report providers or hospitals that participate in “information blocking,” practices that unreasonably limit the availability, disclosure, and use of electronic health information undermine efforts to improve interoperability. Making this information publicly available may incentivize providers and clinicians to refrain from such practices. [Learn more and provide comment >](#)

Upcoming Meetings: June and July 2019

HIT Oversight Council (HITOC)

June 5, 2019
12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

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Network of Networks Definitions Group

June 25, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Health Information Technology Advisory Group

July 11, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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