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 Now Accepting Nominations

The Oregon Health Authority is now accepting nominations for the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC). Nominations are due November 9, 2018.

What is HITOC? HITOC members participate in health system transformation by working toward a vision of health IT-optimized health care, in which robust health IT (HIT) tools support providers, patients and their families, health systems, Medicaid Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), health plans, and policymakers. HITOC is responsible for establishing the strategic plan for HIT for Oregon, making policy recommendations, assessing the HIT landscape, and programmatic oversight. HITOC reports to the Oregon Health Policy Board, and membership is set by the Board.

Who we're looking for: The Oregon Health Policy Board is committed to ensuring all committees reflect the racial, ethnic, gender, and geographic diversity of Oregonians. We're looking for motivated leaders with health IT expertise and are especially interested in nominees with health IT experience in:

- Behavioral health (both mental health and substance use disorder treatment)
- Oral health
- Consumer/patient advocacy
- Primary care
- Long-term services and supports
- Tribal health
- Social determinants of health and equity
- Corrections health
- Rural/frontier communities

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Details of service: HITOC meets for three hours every other month in Portland (12:30-3:45 p.m. first Thursdays of even numbered months in Portland). Although in-person attendance is preferred, members may participate via phone/webinar. Membership terms are for 3 years. Nominations are open now through November 9, 2018. You can find complete instructions and the application here: **HITOC 2018 Call For Nominations and Application**.

Learn more about HITOC on our website >

January 14, 2019:
Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Year 2018 Opens for Attestations

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (aka Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program) will begin accepting 2018 attestations on January 14, 2019. The deadline to submit a 2018 attestation is March 31, 2019. See below for important requirements that are changing in 2019.

For 2018 attestations...

- Eligible providers may use a 2014, 2015 or 2014/2015 combination edition Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT) and have the option to attest to Modified Stage 2 or Stage 3 Meaningful Use Objectives and Measures
- The eCQM reporting period will be a full year*, and the EHR reporting period will remain any continuous 90 days in 2018.

For Program Year 2019...

- Eligible providers will be required to have a 2015 edition CEHRT and attest to Stage 3 MU Objectives and Measures.
- The eCQM reporting period will be a full year*, and the EHR reporting period will remain any continuous 90 days in 2019.

 *Providers attesting to MU for the first time will have an eCQM reporting period of any continuous 90 days in the applicable calendar year.

For more information, please see our webinars about Program Years 2018 and 2019, which are available on our website >

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OpenNotes Webinar Series: OpenNotes Grand Rounds

Learn more about the research behind the cultural shift toward greater transparency through sharing of clinicians' notes with patients. Sharing notes can help health care providers improve communication with their patients, build stronger, more trusting relationships, and enhance patient safety, without adding to their workload. Reading clinician notes can patients manage your health care, and make sure that patients and their health care team are always on the same page.

The webinar will be an overview of best practices for gaining support within health systems for sharing notes, as well as a discussion about maximizing functionality of notes for patients. Join OpenNotes' Executive Director, Catherin DesRoches DrPH, the Director of Dissemination, John Santa, MD, MPH, and Senior Strategist of Outreach and Communications, Liz Salami for this webinar, and learn what you can do to support access to clinician notes, and improve patient outcomes.

When: October 30, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Register here >

Upcoming Meetings: November 2018

Provider Directory Advisory Committee	**Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup**	**Advisory Committee on Physician Credentialing Information**
November 14, 2018 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	November 15, 2018 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	November 20, 2018 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
More information >	**More information >**	**More information >**

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