

Health Information Technology Oversight Council

Health IT Policy & Program Updates

April 2025



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HITOC Updates

HITOC's work is guided by Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT, 2024-2028, which the committee developed to provide high-level priorities and direction for health IT. The [Strategic Plan](#) is available on the [HITOC website](#).

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April Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is April 3 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. Members will learn about and discuss health IT use in behavioral health in preparation for their upcoming June 5 retreat, review highlights from their discussion on AI use in health IT from the February meeting, and receive updates on the 2025 Oregon state legislative session.

February Meeting

During HITOC's February meeting, members finalized the [2025 HITOC Workplan](#), learned about state and federal guidance for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and discussed implications for health IT, heard updates on state and federal health IT priorities for 2025, and heard updates on the 2025 Oregon legislative session..

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

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Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are contractually required to maintain an OHA-approved Health IT Roadmap. CCOs are required to submit an annual Health IT Roadmap to OHA reporting the progress made from the previous year, as well as plans, activities, and milestones detailing how they will support contracted providers in future contract years. CCOs are also required to submit data files reporting on electronic health record (EHR) and health information exchange (HIE) adoption by contracted providers.

CCOs will submit their 2025 Health IT Roadmaps and Data Reporting Files to OHA by April 30. CCOs will report their 2024 progress to support adoption, use, and optimization of EHRs, access and use of HIE, and use of health IT to support social determinant of health (SDOH) needs

What is HITOC?

The Oregon Legislature created the [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) to ensure that health system transformation efforts are supported by health information technology (IT). HITOC is a committee of the [Oregon Health Policy Board \(OHPB\)](#), which sets policy and provides oversight for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), including OHA's health system transformation efforts.

HITOC has six responsibilities:

1. Explore health IT policy
2. Plan Oregon's health IT strategy
3. Oversee OHA's health IT efforts
4. Assess Oregon's health IT landscape
5. Report on Oregon's health IT progress
6. Monitor federal health IT law and policy

HITOC brings partners across Oregon together for centralized policy work, strategic planning, oversight of health IT efforts, and landscape/policy assessment, so health IT efforts are more coordinated. HITOC also provides health IT expertise to OHPB and to Oregon lawmakers, so they are informed about health IT in Oregon when they make policies and laws about health.

OHA's [Office of Health IT & Analytics Infrastructure \(OHITAI\)](#) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

(including social needs screening and referrals) among their contracted providers. CCOs will report on their own use of HIE and health IT to support SDOH needs in 2024. They will also share the strategies they plan to use to further all of these efforts in 2025-26.

OHA will release a summary of the 2024 Health IT Roadmap submissions later this year. The annual summary informs HITOC and OHA efforts and support activities in HITOC's Strategic Plan.

The CCO Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG) discussed the [2024 Support for EHR adoption, use, and optimization](#) section of the 2024 Health IT Roadmap Summary in their October 24, 2024 meeting, and the [Use of and support for HIE](#) section in their January 23, 2025 meeting. CCO HITAG meeting recordings, redacted 2024 Health IT Roadmaps, and reporting templates/guidance are posted on OHA's [CCO HITAG website](#). HITAG's next quarterly meeting is April 24, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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OHA's CIE team monitors the CIE landscape, provides educational information, analyzes policies, and develops and implements strategies that support CIE efforts in Oregon. OHA's CIE work is also guided by HITOC's Strategic Plan. See [OHA's CIE Website](#) for more information.

CIE to Support Oregon's 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver

The 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver, approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), allows Oregon to pilot first-in-the-nation Medicaid changes. Oregon will receive \$1.1 billion in federal funds to create a more equitable, culturally and linguistically responsive health care system, support continuous health coverage and improve health outcomes. Visit the [1115 Medicaid Waiver webpage](#) for general information.

Oregon's 2022-2027 [1115 Medicaid waiver](#) requires using closed loop referrals to support the delivery of [health-related social needs \(HRSN\)](#) services, including housing, nutrition, and climate-related supports, and outreach and engagement. CIE supports this waiver requirement and helps efficiently connect people with the services and resources they need, which helps eliminate health inequities. See the following resources for more information:

- [CIE Opportunity for HRSN Service Providers and Community Partners](#)
- [CIE to Support Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Informational Brief](#)

OHA plans to procure CIE to support Oregon's Medicaid Open Card program to meet the closed loop referral requirements under the waiver and may procure more than one vendor in this process. Use of CIE for closed loop referrals will be phased in during the 1115 waiver implementation. OHA has no plans to disrupt the current CIE environment or Medicaid coordinated care organizations' (CCOs) CIE contracts.

CIE Governance Exploration

See [Oregon Consensus: Community Information Exchange Governance Readiness Assessment](#) for Portland State University's Oregon Consensus Program's independent assessment of community and partner readiness for a CIE governance process. Results show interest in community-driven CIE governance; scope and structure of a community-driven governance process would need to be developed collaboratively.

Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan, Contact: Colleen.Rawson@oha.oregon.gov

OHA's Health IT team engages in ongoing environmental scan activities to inform health IT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHA's Health IT team continues compiling data across the agency and other sources to serve various purposes, such as informing HITOC's progress monitoring, program oversight, reporting priorities and strategic planning. Refer to the [2022 HITOC Report on Oregon's Health IT Landscape](#) for more information.

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HIT Commons is a public-private collaborative in Oregon that makes strategic community investments in health IT as a public good, by advancing statewide adoption of tools that promote health and social health-related data interoperability. HIT Commons is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLIC) and OHA, and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, health plans, and CCOs. For more information, see the [HIT Commons website](#).

PointClickCare Platform (formerly known as EDIE and Collective Medical)

The PointClickCare (PCC) platform includes the tools formerly known as the [Emergency Department Information Exchange \(EDIE\)](#) and the [Collective Medical platform](#). The platform allows emergency departments (EDs) in real-time to identify patients with complex care needs who frequently use the emergency room for their care. PCC brings the same real-time hospital event notifications (ED and Inpatient Admit, Discharge, and Transfer [ADT] data) to those outside of the hospital system, such as health plans, CCOs, providers, and care coordinators. OHA supports a PCC platform subscription that includes use by CCOs, Oregon Department of Human Services programs, Tribal clinics, and other Medicaid care coordinators.

The [HIT Commons Users Advisory Group \(HUAG\)](#) met on March 14, 2025. HUAG participants reviewed and discussed results of a survey they completed. Participants identified specific opportunities for PCC platform improvement, including expanding functionality for reporting and support desk features and developing additional PCC use cases that support patients' SDOH needs. HIT Commons staff presented and gathered feedback on new data visualizations to help track PCC network health in Oregon. HUAG also received updates about ongoing HIT Commons' priority use cases, including an active pilot for school district use of the PCC platform. HUAG meeting materials are available [here](#). The next meeting will be held June 13, 2025.

Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration Initiative

Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects PCC, Reliance eHealth Collaborative, EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to Oregon's PDMP. HIT Commons is overseeing the [PDMP Integration initiative](#) with guidance from its HIT Commons Users Advisory Group and in coordination with OHA's Public Health PDMP program. Bamboo Health is the technology vendor for the PDMP system. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).

Use of the popular PDMP Integration initiative continues to grow. Forty-one new organizations launched integrations in Q4 of 2024, with 21,577 prescribers and 2,063 facilities in Oregon accessing the PDMP via PDMP Integration during that period. Additional information, including a list of participating organizations, can be found on the HIT Commons PDMP Integration website [here](#).

Federal and State Health IT Policy Updates

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See past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) for news on federal health IT policy and updates to standards and guidance, including the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) efforts.

Federal News

Monitoring Federal Changes and Impacts on Oregon

OHA has launched a webpage that lists some of the latest information about federal policy changes and their potential impacts on Oregon. Visit [the webpage](#) to learn more.

Applications Open for 2025 LEAP in Health IT

The Leading Edge Acceleration Projects (LEAP) in Health IT program issued a Special Emphasis Notice (SEN) for 2025. The Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP) will fund two areas of emphasis: 1) Demonstrating the readiness of FHIR®-based subscriptions for improving interactivity with third-party apps, and 2) Identifying and testing innovative approaches that would inform future changes to the TEFCA™ infrastructure to increase

adoption of Individual Access Service (IAS).

The deadline has been extended, and applications are accepted until 12:00 ET on April 25, 2025. View [the SEN](#) for more information.

ASTP and The Sequoia Project Designate eClinicalWorks as QHIN

In January 2025, [the Sequoia Project](#), in partnership with ASTP, announced eClinicalWorks as the eighth Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) under TECA. eClinicalWorks joins CommonWell Health Alliance, eHealth Exchange, Epic Nexus, Health Gorilla, Kno2, KONZA National Network, and MedAllies, and their customers in the TECA community. Read more about this story [here](#).

Comment Opportunities

Public Feedback: Draft USCDI v6

The United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) is a standardized set of health data classes and fundamental data elements for nationwide, interoperable health information exchange. The Draft USCDI Version 6 is now available for review and public comment via the [USCDI webpage](#). It proposes to add six data elements intended to advance health data in a way that will benefit users of health IT. The comment period is open through April 14 at 11:59 PM ET. More information on its development can be found in this [Standards Bulletin](#).

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CCO Procurement

Work is underway for the 2027 CCO Contract Procurement. In the March 4, 2025 meeting of the [Oregon Health Policy Board \(OHPB\)](#), OHA staff shared a [preliminary analysis](#) of the input collected from recent community engagement. More than 145 respondents shared spoken and written feedback on their experiences with CCOs, including Oregon Health Plan members, health care providers, community-based organizations, and members of OHPB committees. Initial analysis found six common observations:

1. Variations between CCOs causes challenges.
2. Credentialing is difficult and complicated.
3. Gaps exist in care coordination and case management.
4. Barriers to accessing or providing behavioral health services persist.
5. Local partnerships with communities improve local care.
6. Reduced barriers and expanded scope of children's health care services is needed.

OHA staff also shared [plans](#) to release a CCO Operational Snapshot report that will describe CCO compliance with key operational requirements. The report will identify performance trends, highlight success, and pinpoint deficiencies. It will provide guidance to CCOs for addressing their most significant or frequent challenges. The report is expected spring 2025. The feedback and report will inform CCO requirements for the 2027 Procurement.

Oregon 2025 Legislative Session

Oregon's 2025 legislative session began January 21, 2025. As of March 13, 2025, OHA's health IT staff is tracking multiple bills with health IT and/or HITOC impacts, including:

- [HB 2940 \(-1 amendment\)](#): Requires OHA (subject to available funding) to create a program that notifies hospital emergency departments (EDs) in real time when a patient has hemoglobinopathies, such as sickle cell disease, and lets hospital staff know how to contact a hematologist in real time. Requires OHA to consult specified interested partners on the design and implementation of the program.
- [HB 3554](#): requires OHA to do a number of things, including: establishing new primary care provider loan repayment and financial incentive programs; providing loans to primary care practices to implement or upgrade EHR systems; implementing a centralized online portal in which all state health care providers

can access and report health outcomes and quality measures in real-time; and produce a study examining the circumstances leading to the 2018 suspension of the [Oregon Common Credentialing Program](#) and assessing the feasibility of a statewide technology solution to address administrative burdens associated with health care practitioner credentialing.

How to engage in Oregon's legislative session:

- The best way to follow bills, hearings, testimony, and work sessions is to e-subscribe to each bill on the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#).
- Information on how testify at public hearings (in person or remotely) can be found [here](#) and to provide written testimony [here](#).

Stay Connected

You can find information about HITOC at our [website](#). Meetings are open to the public. Public comments are accepted at the end of each meeting or in writing to the HITOC Chair and Vice-Chair in care of OHA (HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov).

Refer to past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) to review previous health IT resources, historical state and federal updates, and more.

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