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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](#).

HITOC Meetings and Annual Priorities, Contact: HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov

October Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is October 1 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. HITOC will welcome four new members. The committee will discuss barriers and efforts to support greater patient use of health IT and data access. Then, HITOC will discuss current "hot topics" in health IT and plans to compile a white paper on Oregon's interoperability landscape. The committee will hear updates on the Rural Health Transformation Program and other health IT policies and programs.

Member Recruitment

OHA is pleased to welcome four new members to HITOC!

The Oregon Health Policy Board approved the slate of new members at their September 1, 2026, meeting. HITOC's newest members are:

- Barbara Martin, MS, PA-C, Central City Concern, Medical Director, Health Informatics

- Bill Cox, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, Vice President of Information Systems
- Tim Callahan, Albertina Kerr, Head of Information Technology
- Wemimo Ayannubi, NW PTTC (Northwest Prevention Technology Transfer Center) Substance Use Prevention Fellow, with Washington State University

One seat is open and reserved for a Tribal representative. Recruitment for this seat is managed through OHA Tribal Affairs and is at the discretion of the Tribes.

How to apply for future vacancies:

The application has closed, but individuals are welcome to apply for future opportunities, particularly if they have oral health experience. To apply, complete the [HITOC Membership Application \(Solicitud de membresía de HITOC\)](#). See the [Member Recruitment page](#) for full details.

This application may also be used to express interest in future workgroups. Questions regarding membership can be sent to HITOC staff at HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

August Meeting Recap

Much of HITOC's August meeting was focused on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in health IT, including a presentation and small group discussion covering state and federal regulation, governance, use of emerging agentic AI models in health care, and patient use of AI. In addition, members discussed current "hot topics" in health IT and ideas for a position paper on interoperability. Members heard updates on Medicaid eligibility changes under HR1 and the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

CCO Health IT Roadmaps and Support, Contact: CCO.HealthIT@odhsoha.oregon.gov

CCO Health IT Roadmaps

Background: 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.

OHA completed reviews of CCOs' 2026 Health IT Roadmaps and Data Reporting Files submitted to OHA on April 30. All 15 CCOs now have approved 2026 Health IT Roadmaps, in which CCOs reported on their 2025 progress to support EHR adoption, use and optimization; use of and support for HIE; and use of and support for health IT to support social determinants of health (SDOH), including social needs screening and referrals. CCOs also shared strategies they plan to use to further these efforts in 2026 and beyond.

The [2026 Health IT Roadmap Guidance](#) and [Template](#) are available on the CCO HITAG website. 2026 Health IT Roadmaps from each CCO, with appropriate redactions, will be available on the website by Wednesday, September 30. The *2026 Health IT Roadmap Summary: Health IT for SDOH*, the first of three 2026 Health IT Roadmap summary reports, will be shared with CCOs and published to the HITAG website by mid-October.

OHA has summarized CCOs' 2025 Health IT Roadmap strategies, barriers, requests for support from OHA, and other relevant information. The complete **2025 Health IT Roadmap summary report**, including EHR, HIE, and SDOH content, will be published on the [HITAG website](#) by mid-October.

CCO Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG)

Background: The Health Information Technology Advisory Group (HITAG) provides input to OHA about CCOs' health information technology needs and efforts and informs OHA's work on the Oregon Health IT Program. Each CCO is encouraged to send their representative to all HITAG meetings.

In the most recent HITAG meeting on July 23, CCOs continued their discussion on the implementation of federal API requirements as part of the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule ([CMS-0057-F](#)). The discussion included more recent status updates for each API and an opportunity to learn from each other as CCOs near the January 1, 2027, due date for these requirements. CCOs also discussed use of artificial intelligence for health IT, including definitions, current use cases, opportunities and risks.

HITAG meeting materials are posted on OHA's [CCO HITAG website](#).

HITAG's next quarterly meeting is **October 22, 2026, from 1 to 4 p.m.** In this meeting, HITAG members will focus on how they use and support partners' use of health IT to address SDOH by discussing strategies, barriers, requests for support from OHA, and other relevant information reported in their 2026 Health IT Roadmaps.

Community Information Exchange (CIE), Contact: CIE.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Background: 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

Background: Oregon's 2022-2027 [1115 Medicaid waiver](#) requires closed loop referrals to support the delivery of [health-related social needs \(HRSN\)](#) services. 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 \(Español\)](#)
- Visit the [1115 Medicaid waiver webpage](#) for general information.

OHA reached an important milestone in the process of procuring CIE to support Oregon's Medicaid program, signing a contract with Unite Us (Connect Oregon) in August 2026. This will support OHA programs and contractors, and will allow many partners to join CIE at no cost starting later this year. OHA will work on staged engagement and rollout over the next couple years, starting with Acentra and Medicaid Open Card health-related social needs (HRSN) providers.

Partners that can join for free under OHA's Unite Us contract include:

- Community-based organizations (always free)
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) (always free)
- Medicaid Open Card contractors
- Counties (including Local Public Health Authorities) and Cities
- Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)

- Schools and certain education partners
- Tribes and Indian Health Care Providers
- Carceral partners coordinating with Medicaid
- Behavioral health providers
- Any for-profit HRSN service providers (non-profits always free)
- Workforce Development Boards and Economic Development Organizations

OHA is also contracting with the second CIE vendor used in Oregon, Findhelp, with anticipated contract signing in 2027. Both systems will support Medicaid uses and future opportunities for additional OHA programs and partners.

CIE Supports for HRSN providers

OHA contracted with HIT Commons to provide a range of support and training for Medicaid HRSN providers and potential HRSN providers to use Connect Oregon/Unite Us CIE in 2026-2027. HIT Commons is working with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to ensure this work complements CCO efforts. This includes direct training and technical assistance, regional workshops, CIE user guidance, and train the trainer opportunities.

Since April, six training webinars have been held, support was provided for eight in-person trainings, and direct technical assistance have launched. Four more webinars are scheduled this year and more will be scheduled in 2027. You can learn more about this opportunity on the [HIT Commons training webpage](#).

If you or your organization are interested in direct Unite Us TA for Medicaid HRSN providers email Michael Thomas at michael@tetralync.com to learn more.

If there is interest, OHA will develop support for Medicaid HRSN providers using Findhelp.

Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan, Contact:

CCO.HealthIT@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Background: 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 which is available [on the State Library website](#).

HIT Commons, Contact: HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Background: 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/EDIE (formerly known as Collective Medical)

Background: The Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE) and the tool formerly known as the Collective Platform are now collectively referred to as [the PointClickCare \(PCC\) 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.

PCC Hospital Emergency Department Optimization Relaunch Project

PCC is offering Oregon hospitals a set of free services aimed at enhancing emergency department use of EDIE. These services are referred to as the Emergency Department Optimization or EDO Relaunch Project and include retraining programs and EDIE optimization projects. EDIE optimization projects endeavor to enhance ED operations by refining use of PCC Care Insights and Safety & Security Events features to improve patient interactions, streamline workflows, and drive better outcomes. Interested hospital and health system staff should reach out directly to your PCC Customer Success Manager or email OHA health IT staff at HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov and reference "PCC EDO Relaunch Project."

HIT Commons Users Advisory Group

At the September 11, 2026 [HIT Commons Users Advisory Group \(HUAG\)](#) meeting, the group reviewed key performance indicators for the PCC platform (patient record

views, content creation, and eligibility file age), discussed statewide ED utilization analytics and trends (small overall increase in ED visits with utilization for mental health and substance use related visits continued to trend up), received updates on active HIT Commons initiatives and use cases (e.g., technical assistance for Medicaid Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) providers, EMS data sharing pilots, and school access to PCC), and discussed ongoing work with PCC and the Oregon State Hospital around revamping their use of the PCC platform and better supporting care transitions through OHA's partnership with PCC. Meeting materials from the September 11, 2026 meeting are available on the [HIT Commons website](#). The next HUAG meeting is on December 11, 2026.

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

Background: Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects PCC, Reliance eHealth Collaborative, EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to Oregon's PDMP. The PDMP is a state-run tool that tracks the dispensing of controlled substances to help healthcare providers and pharmacists provide patients better care in managing their prescriptions. 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. Twenty-five new organizations launched integrations in Q2 of 2026, with 25,025 prescribers and 2,474 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](#).

Federal and State Health IT Policy Updates

Federal Law and Policy, Contact: HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov

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.

Monitoring Federal Changes and Impacts on Oregon

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

Rural Health Transformation Program

The [Rural Health Transformation Program \(RHTP\)](#) was established through H.R.1, the federal budget reconciliation bill signed into law on July 4, 2025. It is a five-year program to support rural health system transformation across the United States. The program is administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and provides funding to states from Federal Fiscal Year 2026 through 2030. Oregon has been awarded \$197.3 million for the program's first year. The Oregon RHTP team is partnering with rural communities and CMS to implement this initiative to support improving access to high-quality, reliable care and long-term improvements in health outcomes for rural communities across the state. Technology and Data Modernization is one of the five initiatives in Oregon's RHTP.

Information and updates about Oregon's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) can be found on the [OHA RHTP webpage](#). Sign up for Oregon's RHTP Newsletter on the [RHTP website](#).

Security Risk Assessment Tool v3.7 Available

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), in coordination with the Health & Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights, is pleased to announce the release of the Security Risk Assessment (SRA) Tool Version 3.7. The tool is designed to help healthcare providers conduct a security risk assessment as required by the HIPAA Security Rule. The target audience of this tool is medium and small providers; thus, use of this tool may not be appropriate for larger organizations. More information on the SRA Tool can be found on the [ONC website](#).

Advancing Interoperable Quality Data for Digital Measurement

ONC recently released the final USCDI+ Quality v2 and the updated USCDI+ Quality Overarching data element list. The final USCDI+ Quality v2 strengthens alignment with USCDI, US Quality Core, CMS eCQMs, and FHIR-based quality reporting. The updated Quality Overarching list continues to track broader quality-relevant data

elements for future consideration. More information can be found on the [ONC website](#).

Introducing Cartos

Cartos is ONC’s public, FHIR-enabled terminology service that helps implementers find, understand, and use terminology content connected to ONC regulations and the Standards Version Advancement Process. It allows users to find up-to-date and correct terminology assets by bringing regulatory context, implementation guide references, terminology metadata, and terminology content together in one coordinated location.

More information can be found in the [Standards Bulletin 26-3](#), which provides an overview of Cartos, how to access it, and more.

Stay Connected

You can find information about HITOC at our [HITOC 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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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.

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