Health Information Technology Oversight Council
Health IT Policy & Program Updates
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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

June Retreat

HITOC's next meeting is an in-person retreat on June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Portland, Oregon, at the Five Oak building at 421 SW Oak St, Ste 775. A virtual option will also be available. The retreat will focus on health IT in behavioral health, exploring the unique needs and opportunities in this area. HITOC's goals for the retreat are to:

- learn about health IT nuances specific to behavioral health,
- identify current gaps and opportunities for greater support,
- discuss what HITOC or other partners could do to better support health IT for behavioral health, and
- identify actions HITOC can take.

There will be two panels, featuring representatives from coordinated-care organizations (CCOs) and behavioral health provider organizations. The panelists will discuss what has worked well to support greater health IT adoption and use in behavioral health and which challenges remain. If members of the public would like to attend the retreat in person, please email Laurel Moffat at HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov at least two days in advance to coordinate access to the building, if possible.

April Meeting

During [HITOC's April meeting](#), members learned about, discussed, and provided input on health IT in behavioral health in preparation for their upcoming June 5 retreat. They also reviewed highlights from their discussion on AI use in health IT from the February meeting and received updates on the 2025 Oregon state legislative session.

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

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

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 submitted their 2025 Health IT Roadmaps and Data Reporting Files to OHA on April 30. CCOs reported on their 2024 progress to support EHR adoption, use, and optimization; use of and support for HIE; and use of health IT within the CCO and among providers to support social determinants of health (SDOH) needs (including social needs screening and referrals). CCOs also shared the strategies they plan to use to further all these efforts in 2025-26.

OHA released a [summary of the 2024 Health IT Roadmap submissions](#), which informs HITOC and OHA efforts and supports activities in HITOC's Strategic Plan. The annual summary also includes data visualizations of health IT trends in adoption of EHRs and HIEs based on data submitted by CCOs.

CCO Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG) April Meeting

To support HITOC's focus on understanding the behavioral health landscape in Oregon, the CCO Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG) discussed their [efforts to support behavioral health providers with adoption and use of health IT](#) in the April 24 meeting. CCO HITAG meeting recordings, redacted 2024 Health IT Roadmaps, and 2025 reporting templates/guidance are posted on OHA's [CCO HITAG website](#). HITAG's next quarterly meeting is July 24, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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.

Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan, Contact:

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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.

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

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 (OHLC) and OHA, and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, health plans, and CCOs. For more information, see the HIT Commons website.

Oregon Health IT Playbook

HIT Commons and OHA collaborated on the development of a new resource called the Oregon Health IT Playbook, which was released in spring 2025. The Playbook is an operational primer on health IT systems designed to benefit those who are less familiar with health technology or those who might understand one system (e.g., their EHR), but need to better understand the complex web of systems that make up the health IT landscape. The current version of the Playbook can be found here, along with a set of recorded trainings, each less than 10 minutes.

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.

HIT Commons Users Advisory Group

The HIT Commons Users Advisory Group (HUAG) last 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. Twenty-eight new organizations launched integrations in Q1 of 2025, with 23,302 prescribers and 2,109 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

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 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.

New Resource Supports Payers with CMS Interoperability Compliance

[The Sequoia Project](#) published a "[Payer-to-Payer Compliance Readiness Checklist](#)" to help payers assess their readiness for compliance with the payer-to-payer components of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CMS-0057-F final rule. This editable checklist provides an easy-to-use framework that helps identify both explicit and implicit regulatory and operational requirements, ensuring payers are well-prepared to meet compliance standards. Read more about this resource [here](#).

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Oregon 2025 Legislative Session

Oregon's 2025 legislative session began January 21, 2025. OHA's health IT staff are tracking multiple bills with potential 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 3134 (A-engrossed): Requires commercial insurers and health care services contractors to make data related to prior authorizations (PAs) publicly available, not require PAs for additional covered services deemed necessary while performing a surgery; and utilize application programming interfaces (APIs) for providers requesting PAs (in compliance with standards established in CMS interoperability rules).

- 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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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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