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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](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

### August Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is August 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. Members will review major themes and takeaways from their June retreat and discuss actions to take for health IT and behavioral health. Members will also learn about the current state of health IT for patients and consumers and receive updates on the work of House Bill 2940.

### June Retreat

[HITOC's June retreat](#) focused on health IT in behavioral health, exploring the unique needs and opportunities in this area. HITOC's goals for the retreat were 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 were two panels, featuring representatives from coordinated-care organizations (CCOs) and behavioral health provider organizations. The panelists discussed what has worked well to support greater health IT adoption and use in behavioral health and which challenges remain.

# Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

**CCO Health IT Roadmaps and Support**, Contact: [CCO.HealthIT@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:CCO.HealthIT@odhsoha.oregon.gov)

## CCO Health IT Roadmaps

*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 August 21, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m. The focus will be on CCO implementation of the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule (CMS 0057-F) as well as patients and consumers.

**Community Information Exchange (CIE)**, Contact: [CIE.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto: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.

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## 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.*

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## HIT Commons, Contact: [HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto: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 (OHLIC) 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/EDIE (formerly known as Collective Medical)

*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.*

## Input Needed on OHA Hemoglobinopathy ED Notification Program

OHA is in the process of implementing the program outlined in Oregon [House Bill 2940 \(2025\)](#), which aims to provide real-time notifications to hospital emergency departments (EDs) identifying patients with hemoglobinopathies, like sickle cell disease, and offering contact information for a hematologist. Knowing a patient has a hemoglobinopathy in the ED allows staff to anticipate potential complications, prioritize rapid pain management, and tailor treatment plans accordingly. The program will utilize EDIE notification functionality. To ensure the successful implementation of this program, OHA will consult with key partners in August and September of 2025. OHA is currently seeking consultations with the following types of healthcare providers:

- Emergency department nurses
- Hematologists
- Hematology nurses
- Emergency medical technicians
- Paramedics

Interested providers should email OHA health IT staff at [HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov) and reference “HB 2940 consultation.”

## PCC Hospital EDO Relaunch Project

PCC is now 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](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov) and reference “PCC EDO Relaunch Project”.

## HIT Commons Users Advisory Group

The [HIT Commons Users Advisory Group \(HUAG\)](#) met on June 13, 2025:

- PCC staff presented on a suite of free services and features it is offering Oregon hospitals, including the EDO Relaunch Project (more details directly above) and the ED Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Summary feature, which provides granular clinical details of a patient’s recent PCC SNF stays to help hospitals in operational efforts to improve readmission rates.
- PCC representatives promoted their hospital SMART on FHIR app, which integrates the PCC platform directly into hospitals’ Epic EHR systems. Two multi-hospital health systems in Oregon have gone live with the SMART on FHIR app, and another two are currently implementing it.
- HIT Commons staff also gathered final input from HUAG on a new set of key performance indicators tracking PCC network health in Oregon.
- HUAG members and staff celebrated the ten-year anniversary of the launch of EDIE and the PCC/Collective platform in Oregon by sharing key milestones, successes, and lessons learned as the network has evolved.

Meeting materials from the June 13, 2025 meeting are available [here](#). The next HUAG meeting is on September 12, 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. Eighteen new organizations launched integrations in Q2 of 2025, with 23,847 prescribers and 2,162 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](mailto: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.

### Individuals' Access to and Use of Patient Portals and Smartphone Health Apps

The Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy/Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (hereafter ASTP/ONC) recently released a [Data Brief](#) that shows patients are increasingly accessing their medical records online. Spurred in part by implementation of ASTP/ONC's Cures Act Final Rule requirements, the rapid growth in patient access, especially app-based access, is continuing to rise. The [Buzz Blog post](#) and associated [Data Brief](#) and [Quickstat charts](#) show trends in rates and frequency of access, as well as greater engagement with electronic health information using tools available in patient portals.

### ASTP/ONC Publishes HTI-4 Final Rule

ASTP/ONC's [final rule](#), released July 31, 2025, adds new certification criteria and related standards to the ONC Health IT Certification Program intended to enable the use of electronic health records to submit prior authorizations, select drugs consistent with a patient's insurance coverage, and exchange prescription information electronically with pharmacies and insurers. ASTP/ONC is holding an information session on the HTI-4 Final Rule on Tuesday August 12, 2025 at 1:00 PM ET. Register for the session and find other resources about the final rule on the [ASTP/ONC webpage](#).

### USDCI v6

The United States Core Data for Interoperability Version 6 (USDCI v6) is now available. USDCI v6 includes an updated list of data classes and elements that seek to advance interoperability for patient care. The ASTP/ONC [Standards Bulletin 2025-2 \(SB25-2\)](#) outlines the development of the [United States Core Data for Interoperability Version 6 \(USDCI v6\)](#), which was released on July 24, 2025.



The USCDI sets the foundation for access, exchange, and use of electronic health information with the goal of enabling nationwide interoperable health information exchange. The USCDI standard is stewarded and adopted by ASTP/ONC on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

### Public Comment Opportunity: USCDI v7 Submission Period

With the publication of [USCDI v6](#), ASTP/ONC has begun the next cycle to update USCDI to Version 7. ASTP/ONC has updated the comment feature on the USCDI data element pages, making it easier to post comments on multiple data elements.

ASTP/ONC encourages the community to engage and collaborate. The open comment period ends **Monday, September 29, 2025, at 11:59 pm ET**. The [ONDEC](#) submission system is open and accepting recommendations for data elements.

ASTP/ONC is targeting release of the Draft USCDI v7 for January 2026.

### 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.

### CMS Launches Health Technology Ecosystem Initiative

CMS hosted an event on July 30, 2025 promoting the launch of a [Health Technology Ecosystem Initiative](#), which will focus on two broad areas: promoting a CMS Interoperability Framework for sharing information between patients and providers, and increasing the availability of personalized tools so that patients have the information and resources they need to make better health decisions. The CMS initiative website includes organizations who have pledged their support for this initiative. Participation in the initiative is voluntary. More details about the initiative can be found [here](#).

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### Oregon 2025 Legislative Session

Oregon's 2025 legislative session adjourned on June 27, 2025. The following bills with specific health IT impacts passed into law:

- [HB 2940](#): 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. OHA Office of Health It

and Analytics Infrastructure staff is leading implementation of this bill, which will utilize the EDIE technology platform to send notifications to EDs.

- [HB 3134](#): 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 use application programming interfaces (APIs) for providers requesting PAs (in compliance with standards established in CMS interoperability rules).

## 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](mailto: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?

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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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