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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 9 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. Members will identify priority actions for their ongoing focus on health IT and behavioral health. They will learn about CCO efforts to support health IT for social determinants of health and they will review their discussion of patients and consumers and health IT from their August meeting. Finally, members will begin development of the 2026 HITOC Workplan.

August Meeting

HITOC's August meeting focused on reviewing major themes and takeaways from their June retreat and discussing actions to take for health IT and behavioral health. Members also learned about the current state of health IT for patients and consumers and received updates on the work of House Bill 2940.

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

CCO Health IT Roadmaps and Support, Contact: 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.

All CCOs submitted their 2025 Health IT Roadmaps and Data Reporting Files to OHA by the April 30 deadline. 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 support for health IT use among providers to support social determinants of health (SDOH) (including social needs screening and referrals). CCOs also shared the strategies they plan to use to further all these efforts in 2025-26.

As of July, all 2025 CCO Health IT Roadmaps were approved by OHA. From September through mid-October, all CCO parent organizations will meet with OHA staff to discuss any outstanding questions or points of interest about their reported health IT strategies in each of the three Roadmap areas (i.e., EHR, HIE, SDOH) as well as to address feedback from OHA on CCOs' data reporting.

OHA has begun to summarize CCOs' 2025 Health IT Roadmap strategies, barriers, requests for support from OHA, and other relevant information by section. The first 2025 Roadmap summary report will focus on SDOH, which will be discussed during the October HITOC and HITAG meetings.

CCO Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG)

In the most recent CCO Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG) meeting on August 21, CCOs discussed their progress implementing application programming interface (API) requirements for the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule ([CMS-0057-F](#)). The meeting included a presentation by Robert Tennant, Executive Director of the Workgroup for Electronic Data Interchange (WEDI); a summary of CCO responses to a Final Rule implementation readiness survey from OHA; and small group discussions. 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 October 23, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m. The focus of the meeting will be a summary of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) section of the 2025 CCO Health IT Roadmaps.

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 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](#)
- [CIE to Support Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Informational Brief](#)

OHA is in the process of procuring CIE to support Oregon's Medicaid Open Card program to meet the closed loop referral requirements under the waiver. OHA expects to be in contract with the two vendors in use in Oregon, Findhelp and Unite Us, in early 2026. OHA has no plans to disrupt the current CIE environment or Medicaid coordinated care organizations' (CCOs) CIE contracts.

Beginning in 2026, CCOs will have the option to require HRSN Providers to use CIE for closed loop referrals. If a CCO decides to require CIE, they must also have an exceptions process, aligned with OHA guidance, for HRSN Providers unable to use CIE.

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/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. 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 is consulting with key partners in September and October of 2025. OHA is currently seeking consultations with the following types of healthcare providers:

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

Interested providers should email OHA health IT staff at 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 and reference “PCC EDO Relaunch Project”.

HIT Commons Users Advisory Group

At the September 12, 2025, [HIT Commons Users Advisory Group \(HUAG\)](#) meeting, the group reviewed key performance indicators for the PCC platform and advanced PCC use cases and provided feedback on the structure of HUAG:

- The PCC platform has consistent usage in Oregon since January 2023, with approximately 275 organizations viewing patient records in the web portal each month. Content creation declined following the launch of the collaborative insights feature in late 2023 but has steadied since. Maintenance of regular enrollment file processes is strong among Oregon organizations, with the majority of organizations sending new files more often than monthly.
- PacificSource is piloting a number of advanced use cases using the PCC platform, highlighting use of the “Assigned/Unestablished,” “Cancelled Events,” and “Shot Clock” features for their potential to improve care coordination, value based care, and utilization management.
- HUAG members generally advocated to keep the group with a cross-sector format (i.e., representation from OHA and ODHS, payers, hospitals, health systems, and ambulatory clinics) to avoid siloing, while others suggested more focused technical subgroups. The meeting concluded with consensus to retain the current HUAG format but have HIT Commons staff attempt to reenergize participation and bring forward new developments at the next meeting.

Meeting materials from the September 12, 2025 meeting are available [here](#). The next HUAG meeting is on December 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

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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.

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 [webpage](#) to learn more.

Rural Health Transformation Program

OHA is in the process of applying for federal funding for the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program. H.R. 1, the Trump Administration's federal budget reconciliation bill, establishes a one-time, five-year [RHT Program](#), which makes funding available to states for health-related activities supporting rural communities and rural health system transformation. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will oversee the RHT Program and provide funding to awarded states between Federal Fiscal Year 2026 through Federal Fiscal Year 2030.

OHA's application process is informed by public comments received during summer 2025. To receive funding, states must submit a RHT Plan that addresses specific components outlined in statute, such as leveraging technologies in chronic disease management and outlining strategies for long-term financial solvency of rural hospitals. If awarded, Oregon expects to receive approximately \$100 million per year for up to five years and may also be awarded discretionary funding above that amount. There will be public forums on October 8 and 9 to inform on Oregon's application to the RHT Program; for more information on these and the RHT Program overall visit the [OHA RHT Program webpage](#).

CMS Releases AI Playbook Version 4

Recently CMS made updates to the [CMS AI Playbook](#), which documents the agency's evolving approach to AI adoption and maturity, offers CMS-specific guidance, tools, and frameworks for leadership, project teams, and IT and security professionals. Version 4 reflects CMS' transition from early-stage AI exploration to building foundational maturity, and is informed by federal directives and feedback from CMS staff across components. To learn more about CMS' work with AI, visit their [website](#).

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](#).

HHS Intensifies Information Blocking Enforcement

On September 3, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced it will increase resources dedicated to active enforcement against developers, health information networks, and providers who restrict access to electronic health records. Violators could face fines up to \$1 million per incident, with enforcement focusing on cases that harm patients or disrupt care. Read the Press Release [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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