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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 Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is June 4 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. Members will discuss current "hot topics" in health IT and continue exploration into the current state of interoperability in Oregon. Members will hear about interoperability efforts from Reliance eHealth Collaborative as well as coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and HITOC member organizations, including utilization of application programming interfaces (APIs) and national data exchange networks.

Member Recruitment

HITOC member recruitment is coming soon! HITOC is recruiting for several open positions. Candidates should have strong professional and/or lived experience with health IT and how it impacts people in Oregon. Ideal candidates are committed to eliminating health inequities and ensuring health system transformation efforts are supported by health IT. Visit the [HITOC recruitment webpage](#) for more information.

Want to learn more about HITOC? Join us for an informational session on Thursday, June 11 from 12-1pm! Register for the event [here](#), or visit the [HITOC meetings webpage](#) to find the link to join.

April Meeting Recap

During HITOC's April meeting, members reviewed their final 2026 HITOC workplan and discussed the current state of health IT interoperability in Oregon. Members heard

updates on OHA's health IT and behavioral health work and participated in an open discussion forum on the top health IT concerns within their area or organization.

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.

Reviews are underway for CCOs' 2026 Health IT Roadmaps and Data Reporting Files submitted to OHA on April 30. 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 all these efforts in 2026 and beyond. The [2026 Health IT Roadmap Guidance](#) and [Template](#) are available on the CCO HITAG website.

OHA is summarizing CCOs' 2025 Health IT Roadmap strategies, barriers, requests for support from OHA, and other relevant information. The 2025 Roadmap summary report focused on SDOH is available upon request. The combined 2025 Health IT Roadmap summary report, including EHR, HIE, and SDOH content, will be published this month.

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 April 23, CCOs discussed implementation of federal API requirements as part of the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule ([CMS-0057-F](#)). The discussion included status updates, challenges and implementation strategies for each of the four interoperability APIs in the Final Rule. This topic will likely continue in the July HITAG meeting as CCOs near the January 1, 2027 due date for these requirements.

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

HITAG's next quarterly meeting is July 23, 2026, from 1 to 4 p.m.

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 is in the process of procuring CIE to support Oregon's Medicaid Open Card program to meet the closed loop referral requirements under the 1115 waiver. OHA has no plans to disrupt the current CIE environment or Medicaid CCOs' CIE contracts.

Oregon's Department of Administrative Services (DAS) executed a statewide price agreement with Unite Us on October 15, 2025. This agreement allows state agencies and [Oregon Cooperative Procurement Program \(OrCPP\)](#) members, such as counties, to purchase directly from a menu of Unite Us services. The DAS price agreement allows OHA to proceed with procuring Unite Us to support Oregon's Medicaid Open Card program to meet the closed loop referral requirements under the waiver. OHA expects to execute the contract in summer 2026.

The work to establish a DAS statewide price agreement with Findhelp is on a similar path with the price agreement expected in summer 2026 and OHA's contract in spring 2027.

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. Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Members can always opt out of CIE.

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 CIE in 2026-2027. HIT Commons is working with coordinated care organizations (CCOs) to ensure this work

complements CCO efforts. This will include direct training and technical assistance, regional workshops, CIE user guidance, and train the trainer opportunities for using Connect Oregon/Unite Us. You can learn more about this opportunity on the [HIT Commons training webpage](#).

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 [here](#).

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 March 13, 2026, [HIT Commons Users Advisory Group \(HUAG\)](#) meeting, the group welcomed a new chair-person – Ryan Hart from PacificSource Health Plans, engaged in a PCC user perspectives round table discussion, reviewed key performance indicators for the PCC platform, and received updates on other HIT Commons initiatives and opportunities. Meeting materials from the March 13, 2026, meeting are available on the [HIT Commons website](#). The next HUAG meeting is on June 12, 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. Thirty-three new organizations launched integrations in Q1 of 2026, with 24,621 prescribers and 2,319 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 [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 looks forward to 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.

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

ONC releases new data on EHR adoption in behavioral health

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) published [Data Brief 82](#) on national adoption of EHRs among substance use and mental health treatment facilities. The study, using 2024 survey data, found that most respondents (68%) use EHRs, but rates continue to be lower than physical health. Even fewer behavioral health facilities report participating in HIE (19%). EHRs and HIEs can support care coordination and improved patient care.

CMS announces new proposed rule building on existing interoperability rules

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced the [2026 CMS Interoperability Standards and Prior Authorization for Drugs proposed rule](#) that builds on the 2020 CMS Interoperability and Patient Access final rule and the 2024 CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule. The 2020 and 2024 final rules require Medicaid managed care plans to implement Patient Access, Provider Directory, Provider Access, Payer-to-Payer, and Prior Authorization application programming interfaces (APIs).

The 2026 proposed rule extends requirements to cover prior authorizations for drugs (which were previously left out) and adds reporting requirements for API endpoints, API usage metrics, and prior authorization metrics. CMS also proposed adopting Fast Health Interoperability Resources (FHIR) as a HIPAA Administrative Simplification standard, which would replace the X12N 278 standard for prior authorization transactions across all HIPAA covered entities.

CMS Rule Phases Out Fax Machines, Snail Mail

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has finalized the Administrative Simplification; Adoption of Standards for Health Care Claims Attachments Transactions and Electronic Signatures Final Rule (CMS-0053-F).

The final rule establishes Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-adopted standards for health care claims attachments, enabling the secure electronic exchange of health care claims-related supporting clinical documentation such as medical records, x-rays and imaging, clinical notes, telemedicine visit documentation and laboratory results.

The rule also establishes requirements for electronic signatures to ensure health care claims attachment transactions are secure, authenticated, and compliant with federal standards. These updates are intended to eliminate manual processes such as faxing and mailing.

For more information visit the [CMS website](#), the [fact sheet](#), and view the final rule at the [Federal Register](#). This final rule is effective on May 26, 2026. The compliance deadlines for all requirements are set for 24 months from the effective date.

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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