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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

August Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is August 6 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. Much of the meeting will focus 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 will discuss current "hot topics" in health IT and ideas for a position paper on interoperability. Members will hear updates on Medicaid eligibility changes under HR1 and the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Member Recruitment

OHA staff are currently reviewing applications, which closed earlier this month. We continue to have an available seat for oral health, and we encourage those with oral health experience to apply by completing the [HITOC Membership Application](#) ([Solicitud de membresía de HITOC](#)). See the [Member Recruitment page](#) for full details.

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.

June Meeting Recap

During HITOC's June meeting, members heard about interoperability efforts from Reliance eHealth Collaborative as well as coordinated care organizations (CCOs) and HITOC member organizations, including the utilization of application programming interfaces (APIs) and national data exchange networks.

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 has 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 Friday, August 28.

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 the end of August.

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.

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 program, including the 1115 waiver closed loop referral requirements for Open Card. 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 Findhelp on June 26, 2026. This agreement creates a menu of services that all state agencies and [Oregon Cooperative Procurement Program \(OrCPP\)](#) members, such as counties, can contract directly without additional procurement steps needed. The DAS price agreement allows OHA to proceed with procuring Findhelp to support Oregon's Medicaid program. OHA expects to execute the contract early 2027 with a go-live later in the year.

OHA's Unite Us contract was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval. OHA expects to execute the contract in August and go-live in late 2026/early 2027. The DAS statewide price agreement with Unite Us was previously executed in October 2025, and allows state agencies and OrCPP members to contract directly.

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, four training webinars have been held, support was provided for five in-person trainings, and direct technical assistance has launched. 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 (OHLC) 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 June 12, 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 (e.g., increases in mental health visits among minors), received updates on active HIT Commons initiatives and use cases, and went over insights from a recent survey of the group related to organizational use of the PCC platform. Meeting materials from the June 12, 2026, meeting are available on the [HIT Commons website](#). The next HUAG meeting is on September 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 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. 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](#).

CMS announces Office of Health Technology and Products

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced on June 10 the establishment of a new Office of Health Technology and Products (OHTP). CMS said the OHTP would modernize CMS healthcare technology and digital products, and transform platforms and services to support Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and other CMS-administered programs. The office will

work closely with the CMS Chief Information Officer and be subject to CIO-led IT governance, cybersecurity, enterprise architecture, and capital planning and investment control responsibilities, among other areas. Read more on the [Federal Register](#) and the [American Hospital Association website](#).

United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) v7

On July 2026, the Office of National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) released the United States Core Data for Interoperability ([USCDI](#)) v7, which introduces 31 new data elements and two new data classes to advance interoperability for patient care. This version strengthens support for patient safety, nutrition care, and administrative burden reduction in alignment with national health and wellness priorities. The accompanying [Standards Bulletin 26-2](#) describes ONC's continued expansion of USCDI and reflects ONC's consideration of submissions for new data elements and comments on previously submitted data elements.

ONC releases new data on EHR adoption in behavioral health

In April, 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 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 as of May 26, 2026. The compliance deadlines for all requirements are 24 months from the effective date.

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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