Health Information Technology Oversight Council
Updates on Health IT Policy and Efforts

Health IT Policy

Federal Law and Policy Updates/Changes, *contact:*
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The Interoperability Standards Advisory (ISA) annual review and comment period is open. The ISA is an interactive catalog of standards and implementation specifications supporting interoperability in healthcare, and stakeholder input is crucial to ensure it contains the latest standards/specifications and most accurate industry information. **Comments are due by September 23, 2019 at 8:59 pm Pacific**, at which point ONC will begin to finalize the ISA for the 2020 Reference Edition, to be published in December.

ONC and CMS Interoperability Proposed Rules

> The CMS proposed rule comment period has closed. You can view submitted comments at: https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&dct=PS&D=CMS-2019-0039

> The ONC proposed rule comment period has closed. You can view submitted comments at: https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&po=0&dct=PS&D=HHS-ONC-2019-0002&refD=HHS-ONC-2019-0002-0001

Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA)

> ONC has released the comment submissions for the second draft of the TEFCA. You can view submitted comments at: https://www.healthit.gov/tefcacomments

Landscape and Environmental Scan, *Contact:*
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OHIT engages in ongoing HIT environmental scan activities to inform HIT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHIT continues compiling data across the agency and other sources to serve various purposes, including informing HITOC's progress monitoring, program oversight, and reporting priorities.

OHIT is developing a Data Reporting Framework and set of Executive Summaries in support of HITOC' s data-related responsibilities and to inform HITOC's 2020 Strategic Plan update. Input on draft documents was

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. HITOC is a committee of the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB), which sets policy and provides oversight for 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 stakeholders and 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 OHBP 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 (OHIT) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

obtained from a variety of stakeholders; revised documents were then discussed at HITOC's April retreat. HITOC will remain involved in developing data reporting that meets their needs throughout 2019.

Past work includes a Behavioral Health HIT/HIE Scan Report based on survey and interview data. See Behavioral Health Health IT Workgroup for more information.

HIT Strategic Plan, *Contact: Francie.J.Nevill@state.or.us*

The HITOC HIT 2017-2020 Strategic Plan was approved by the Oregon Health Policy Board in October 2017 and provides a roadmap for Oregon's HIT work ahead, including strategies for a "network of networks" approach to statewide health information exchange and the HIT Commons public/private partnership model of governance. In February 2019, OHPB approved HITOC's major 2019 priorities (under the approved Strategic Plan): exploratory work in social determinants of health/health equity and patient engagement, next steps for statewide health information sharing ("network of networks") efforts (includes physical, behavioral, oral, and other information), wrapping up planning for behavioral health and HIT work, showing Oregon's HIT progress via dashboards and milestones, and potentially updating the Strategic Plan in fall 2019. Ongoing priorities include continued oversight work on partnerships/programs and new landscape assessment as appropriate.

The work to update the Strategic Plan will begin in 2020.

Behavioral Health HIT Work, *contact: Kristin.M.Bork@state.or.us*

The group met on July 10, 2019 and reviewed a draft of the OHA BH HIT Work Plan, which included current and planned activities that respond to the BH HIT Workgroup's December 2018 recommendations. The final workplan will be presented to HITOC in August 2019.

Health IT and Health System Transformation: Vision and Goals

Oregon's Health Information Technology Oversight Council's (HITOC) charter sets out a vision for health IT-optimized health care, along with three goals. These guide OHA's health IT work.

Vision:
A transformed health system where health IT efforts ensure that the care Oregonians received is optimized by health IT.

Goal 1: Share Patient Information Across the Care Team
Oregonians have their core health information available where needed, so their care team can deliver person-centered, coordinated care.

Goal 2: Use Data for System Improvement
Clinical and administrative data are efficiently collected and used to support quality improvement and population health management, incentivize improved health outcomes. Aggregated data and metrics are also used by policymakers and others to monitor performance and inform policy development.

Goal 3: Patients Can Access Their Own Information and Engage in Their Care
Individuals and their families access, use and contribute their clinical information to understand and improve their health and collaborate with their providers.

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships

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The HIT Commons is a public/private partnership to coordinate investments in HIT, leverage funding opportunities, and advance HIE across the state. HIT Commons is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLC) and OHA, and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, and health plans.

The HIT Commons Governance Board began meeting in January 2018. In the 4th quarter of 2018, HIT Commons established an LLC, confirmed a Board of Managers and approved Board terms. See below for more information about the HIT Commons initiatives, as well as work to support the Oregon Provider Directory. For more information see the [HIT Commons](#) website.

EDie/PreManage

The HIT Commons is beginning new work in the evolving landscape of social determinants of health (SDOH)—including conceptual development of an Oregon Community Information Exchange—to connect the health care and social services sectors. This will result in a proposal to the HIT Commons Governance Board later this year.

The [Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDie)](#) allows Emergency Departments (EDs) in real-time to identify patients with complex care needs who frequently use the emergency room for their care. In addition to utilization alerting, EDIE also provides succinct but critical information to ED physicians, such as: security alerts, care guidelines entered by the patient primary care home, and contact information for case managers. All hospitals with emergency departments (excepting the VA) in Oregon are live with EDie. PreManage is a web-based application that expands the services in EDie to other users such as health plans, Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), and physical, behavioral or dental clinics to improve coordination of patient care. PreManage adoption continues to increase across Oregon.

HITOC's Current Work Groups

Health IT/Health Information Exchange Community and Organizational Panel

This group is composed of representatives from a variety of organizations across Oregon that are implementing or operating cross-organizational health IT and health information exchange programs. Members share best practices, identify common barriers to progress, and explore opportunities for collaboration.

Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup

HITOC chartered this group in 2018 to prioritize the recommendations in OHA's *Report on Health Information Technology and Health Information Exchange Among Oregon's Behavioral Health Agencies*. The workgroup's recommendations were presented to HITOC in December 2018 and added to the Report as an addendum. HITOC requested the workgroup continue in 2019. It is composed of a broad representation of types of behavioral health stakeholders across Oregon.

Network of Networks Technical Definitions Group

HITOC chartered this group in 2018 to do exploratory work on the Network of Networks concept (see *Statewide HIE 101*). It is composed of HCOP and HITOC members, plus several other stakeholders. It advises OHA about technical issues related to the planned Network of Networks, including foundational concepts, definitions, and landscape issues.

All of Oregon's CCOs receive hospital notifications through PreManage or are in contract. Most major Oregon health plans are using PreManage, as well as all of Oregon's Dental Care Organizations and 4 tribal clinics. Behavioral health continues to be a major category of PreManage users. All Type B Area Agency on Aging and Aging & People with Disability District offices are now using PreManage, and Developmental Disability programs through the Oregon Department of Human Services and the Oregon State Hospital are in phased roll out.

Recent highlights:

- For hospitals who have integrated EDie into their electronic health record (EHR), EDIE alerts may now include PDMP data (see below).
- A 2019 Collective/PreManage Technical Assistance calendar of events has been established through the HIT Commons.
- Hospitals who receive EDIE notifications via fax now receive a Physician Order for Life Saving Treatment (POLST) as a print out along with the EDIE notification. As of March 2019, PreManage users may request POLST forms in their portal for their assigned patients.
- PreManage is rolling out to Skilled Nursing Facilities across Oregon in 2019. More than 80 out of nearly 200 are live.

Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration Initiative

Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects EDIE, HIEs, EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to Oregon's PDMP, which includes prescription fill information on controlled substances, and is administered by OHA's Public Health Division. HIT Commons is overseeing the PDMP Integration work with guidance from the Oregon PDMP Integration Steering Committee and in coordination with OHA's Public Health PDMP program.

PDMP Integration capabilities went live in summer of 2017 and the statewide subscription funding officially launched through the HIT Commons in Spring 2018.

- Nearly 7,500 prescribers across 122 organizations have integrated access to Oregon's PDMP data–either through their EDie alerts, or through one-click access at the point of care. More than 570 pharmacists at 4 pharmacy chains (across 75 sites) are also live.

- Interstate data sharing is established with PDMPs in Idaho, Kansas, Nevada, Texas, North Dakota, and Washington (WA for web portal only). Alaska, Wyoming and California are in progress.

- A streamlined process to initiate PDMP Integration is now available through the HIT Commons. Interested health care organizations can start the process at the PDMP Integration website.

- Legislative updates and the latest PDMP implementation reports can now be found on the HIT Commons website.

Oregon Health IT Program: Programs

Oregon Provider Directory (in development) *Contact: Karen.Hale@state.or.us*

The Oregon Provider Directory will serve as Oregon's directory of accurate, trusted provider data. It will support care coordination, HIE, administrative efficiencies, and serve as a resource for heath analytics. Authoritative data sources that feed the Provider Directory will be matched and aggregated and data stewards will oversee management of the data to ensure the Provider Directory maintains initial and long-term quality information. The Provider Directory Advisory Committee provides stakeholder input and oversight to OHA's development of this program.

OHA is engaged in implementation activities and is planning for a soft launch to a small set of users later in 2019. HIT Commons is working with OHA staff and stakeholder volunteers to develop an initial use case test for the soft launch. Additional users will be added in later phases as data become more robust.

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program *Contact: Jessica.L.Wilson@state.or.us*

The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program (also known as the Promoting Interoperability Program) offers qualifying Oregon Medicaid providers federally-funded financial incentives for the adoption or meaningful use of certified electronic health records technology. Eligible professional types include physicians, naturopathic physicians, pediatric optometrists, nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives, dentists, and physician assistants in certain settings. As of July 2019, more than $202 million in federal incentive payments have been dispersed to 60 Oregon hospitals and 3,818 Oregon providers. The program ends in 2021.

Oregon's Medicaid Meaningful Use Technical Assistance Program (OMMUTAP) *Contact: Jessica.L.Wilson@state.or.us*

OMMUTAP operated from spring 2016 through spring 2019 and helped certain Medicaid providers maximize their investments in EHRs, meet federal Meaningful Use requirements, improve efficiency and coordination of care, and improve the quality of EHR data. Through a contract with OCHIN, technical assistance was provided for the following services:

1) Certified EHR Adoption, Implementation, and Upgrade Assistance

2) Interoperability Consulting and Technical Assistance

3) Risk and Security Training and Assessment

4) Meaningful Use Education and Attestation Assistance

Over the course of the program, 1,589 providers across 374 clinics participated. The program ended May 2019.

Clinical Quality Metrics Registry *Contact: Katrina.M.Lonborg@state.or.us*

The Clinical Quality Metrics Registry (CQMR) collects, aggregates, and provides electronic clinical quality measure (eCQM) data to meet program requirements and achieve efficiencies for provider reporting.

The CQMR launched in early 2019 to collect eCQMs for the 2018 program year for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program and support eCQM reporting to CMS for the CPC+ and MIPS programs. Use of the CQMR for the CCO incentive measures that are EHR-based will begin later in 2019, with pilot testing in July and August and additional training to be offered ahead of 2019 reporting. Over time, other quality reporting programs could use

the CQMR as well, which will support OHA's goal of streamlining and aligning quality metric reporting requirements and reducing provider burden.

HIE Onboarding Program *Contact:* Kristin.M.Bork@state.or.us

CMS released new guidance to states in 2016 allowing for the use of 90% federal match funding to support HIE onboarding for a broad array of Medicaid providers. Oregon's HIE Onboarding Program will increase Medicaid providers' capability to exchange health information by supporting the costs of an HIE entity to onboard providers, with or without an EHR. Reliance eHealth Collaborative was selected to provide onboarding services through an RFP process.

The HIE Onboarding Program launched in January 2019. Reliance has submitted a workplan to start onboarding providers contracted with PacificSource Central Oregon and PacificSource Gorge. Reliance anticipates submitting for several more regions in the coming months.

Direct secure messaging Flat File Directory *Contact:* Karen.Hale@state.or.us

The Flat File Directory assists organizations with identifying Direct secure messaging addresses across Oregon to support use of Direct, including to meet federal Meaningful Use requirements for sharing Transitions of Care summaries.

As of June 2019, the Flat File Directory includes more than 17,500 Direct addresses from 24 interoperable, participating entities who represent more than 895 unique health care organizations (primary care, hospital, behavioral health, dentistry, FQHC, etc.).

Stay Connected

You can find information about HITOC at our website. Meetings are open to the public and public comments are accepted at the end of each meeting or in writing to the HITOC Chair and Vice-Chair in care of OHA (ohit.info@dhsoha.state.or.us).

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