

Office of Health Information Technology

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) serves as a partner and resource for both state programs and other public and private users of HIT. OHIT provides effective HIT policies, programs and partnerships that support improved health for all Oregonians.

Help ONC Improve Transparency in the Certified Health IT Market!

Attend an upcoming public open forum to provide input on [the design of a new EHR Reporting Program](#), which will provide publicly-available, no-cost, comparative information on certified health IT available on the market.

In the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Congress directed the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish a new EHR Reporting Program, which the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) is currently developing. The goal of this program is to provide publicly-available, comparative information about certified health IT features related to security, usability, interoperability, conformance to certification testing, and other areas in order to improve transparency of the market.

ONC has contracted with the Urban Institute and its subcontractor, HealthTech Solutions, to obtain stakeholder input on how to develop the EHR Reporting Program through public open forums across the country. Input from people like you will help determine:

- What information should developers of certified health IT report? What information from users could be made available?
- How that information is collected?
- How this information will be disseminated to the public (for example, would you prefer a product comparison website, data in a spreadsheet, or something else?)

Upcoming Open Forum to Inform a New EHR Comparison Tool:

Date: Friday August 23rd, 2019
Focus: Public Forum
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 pm PT
Virtual Link: <https://healthtechsolutions.zoom.us/j/187119991>

OHA Announces Awards for 2020-2024 CCO Contracts

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) announced its intent to award 15 organizations with contracts to serve as coordinated care organizations (CCOs) for the Oregon Health Plan's nearly 1 million members. Eleven of the organizations are approved to receive five-year contracts, and four organizations are approved to receive one-year contracts. Four applicants did not receive contracts.

Awardees will now be evaluated for their readiness to deliver the services promised in their applications. Successful awardees will sign their contracts in the fall. The new CCO contracts start January 1, 2020.

Based on the awards, Oregon Health Plan members in every county in Oregon would have at least one CCO to coordinate their health care. Members in all or part of Clackamas, Jackson (partial), Lane, Multnomah, Polk (partial) and Washington counties will have changes to their CCO choices. The [CCO 2.0 contract selection page](#) has more details about the awardees and a map of the new service areas.

[Learn more >](#)

HITOC Highlights: Recap of August Meeting

We had an exciting meeting of the Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) on August 1, 2019. During the meeting, HITOC received a brief update on the outcomes of the 2019 State Legislative Session and the CCO 2.0 procurement. HITOC also covered the following in-depth topics:

HIT Commons Report

The HIT Commons gave a report on how the Commons is maturing, as well as major accomplishments and challenges. The HIT Commons, a public/private partnership designed to accelerate and advance health IT adoption and use across the state, is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council and Oregon Health Authority.

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Update

The HIT Commons gave an update on its landscape assessment and learnings on the proposed Oregon Community Information Exchange. Should the Exchange come to fruition, it would connect health care and social services sectors. OHA also updated HITOC on OHA's ongoing SDOH work.

Oregon Provider Directory Update and Demo

HITOC received an update on and demonstration of the Oregon Provider Directory (OPD), which is currently undergoing user testing. The OPD will serve as Oregon's directory of accurate, trusted provider data, and is a program of the Oregon HIT Program, which is operated by OHA's Office of Health IT with oversight by HITOC.

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Behavioral Health Workgroup Report Back

OHA shared a draft work plan for health IT work to support behavioral health patients and providers. The work plan is a follow up to the Behavioral Health Workgroup’s December 2018 recommendations to HITOC. *See recap below for more information.*

The HITOC meeting took place on Thursday, August 1, from 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in Suite 775 of the Five Oak Building in Portland. Meeting materials and agenda are available [here](#).

Recap: Behavioral Health Workgroup Webinar

On July 10, 2019, OHA held a Behavioral Health Workgroup webinar. The meeting covered:

Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup Recommendations

The Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup was convened last fall to provide input on the results identified in the [Health IT Oversight Council’s Behavioral Health HIT Scan](#). You can read the full set of recommendations in the December 6, 2018 [Addendum to the BH HIT Scan Report: Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup Recommendations: Report to HITOC](#).

Draft Work Plan Review

OHA staff shared the behavioral health work plan that was drafted based on recommendations made by the Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup.

You can find complete meeting materials [on our website >](#)

OHA 2019 Legislative Session Summary

Oregonians will experience improved health because of policies supported by the 2019 Oregon Legislature. OHA entered this legislative session with five major goals: sustainably fund Medicaid long-term, support CCO 2.0, expand behavioral health access, help newborns and families with a healthier start, and improve protections against disease outbreaks and environmental threats.

Oregon legislators passed most of OHA’s highest priority bills, significantly advancing each of the five goals, as well as other important health-related bills. In the months and years ahead, OHA and our partners across the state will strive to transform the promise of these legislative mandates into meaningful improvements in the health of millions of Oregonians.

[Read the summary >](#)

Upcoming Meetings: September 2019

Members of the public are invited to join us in person, via webinar, or after the meeting by listening to the recordings, which are available on [our website](#).

Joint meeting of Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG) and HIT/HIE Community and Organizational Panel (HCOP)

September 5, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[More information >](#)

Provider Directory Advisory Committee (PDAC)

September 18, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[More information >](#)

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