



Office of Health IT Updates

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Electronic Health Records Incentive Program deadline to attest for 2016 extended

The deadline for eligible professionals to attest for the Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program for 2016 has been extended. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services approved the Oregon Health Authority's request to extend the deadline from March 31, 2017 to May 31, 2017. This applies to eligible Medicaid providers attesting to adopt, implement, or upgrade (AIU) or meaningful use (MU) for program year 2016.

The deadline for Oregon eligible hospitals remains March 31, 2017.

If you are applying for Oregon's EHR Incentive Program for the first time, program year 2016 is the last year to get started.

[Learn more](#) about program year 2016, eligibility and first year attestation at www.MedicaidEHRIncentives.Oregon.gov.

Health information technology public meetings

Get involved in Oregon's health information technology work. You can attend the Office of Health Information Technology's (IT) public meetings in person or online. All public meetings are listed on the Office of Health IT's homepage at www.HealthIT.Oregon.gov.

- April 5 - [Common Credentialing Advisory Group](#)
 - April 6 - [Health Information Technology Oversight Council](#)
 - April 13 - [HIT/HIE Community and Organizational Panel](#)
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Out and about - Places to find us

Leaders from the Office of Health IT will be out in the community sharing more about the state's work and collaborations to advance health IT in Oregon. Look for us at:

- May 10 – HIMSS Oregon – Annual Conference
- May 11-13 -Oregon Health Information Management Association (OrHIMA) – Annual Spring Conference
- May 23 – LeadingAge Oregon – Annual Conference

Send your inquiries to ohit.info@state.or.us.

New website outlines benefits of health coverage

How could repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) affect Oregonians?

95percentoregon.com, a collaboration between the Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), has some answers. Ninety-five percent refers to the fact that since the ACA took effect in 2014, Oregon's uninsured rate has decreased from 17 percent to 5 percent.

The site has:

- Fact sheets and statistics about health coverage (by county and congressional district), consumer protections and economic effects in Oregon that resulted from the ACA.
- Stories from people throughout the state who share the impact health coverage has made in their lives.
- Policy recommendations from state officials in response to questions from Congressional leaders.

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