



Office of Health IT Updates

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New HIE Onboarding Program Informational Webinar

Please join us on June 6 at 1:00 p.m. for an informational webinar about the planned Health Information Exchange (HIE) Onboarding Program, which will support new connections between critical Medicaid providers and community-based HIEs. We want to hear your thoughts! This webinar will delve into the details of the program design and will be the final opportunity to provide feedback before the draft procurement instrument for the program is sent to CMS for review.

The webinar will assume that participants have some familiarity with health information technology (HIT), HIE, and the Oregon HIT/HIE landscape. Participants will receive written materials in advance and should review the background materials before the webinar if possible.

[Register for the webinar](#) on June 6 at 1:00 p.m. To learn more about the program, [visit our website](#).

Behavioral Health HIT Survey

OHA is conducting a survey of the status of HIT/HIE within Oregon's behavioral health community, as little is known about these efforts. An invitation to participate in the survey has been sent to behavioral health agencies across the state. OHA needs this information in order to best support system integration efforts and ensure behavioral health providers have the ability to share and access health information to best serve their clients. The results of this survey will be used to:

1. provide an understanding of HIT and HIE use, needs, and barriers experienced by behavioral health agencies
2. establish priorities for potential federal and state funding to support the exchange of electronic health information
3. inform the State's HIT/HIE policies and strategy to best support behavioral health system information exchange needs

Naturopaths approved for Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

On May 3, 2017, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), approved Oregon naturopathic physicians (NDs) as an eligible professional type for the Oregon Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. NDs that meet program eligibility criteria may qualify for up to \$63,750 over six years to adopt, implement, or upgrade, or meaningfully use certified EHR technology.

CMS also approved an extension of the Program Year 2016 deadline for Oregon NDs, as Program Year 2016 is the last year for eligible professionals to begin the program. Eligible Oregon NDs have until July 31, 2017 to submit a Program Year 2016 attestation. All other provider types have until May 31 to submit a Program Year 2016 attestation.

For more information on eligibility requirements, [visit our website](#).

Informatics Workforce Survey - American Medical Informatics Association

The American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) encourages health IT and informatics professionals to participate in the AMIA Informatics Workforce Survey. The survey is open through May 24, 2017. AMIA is seeking a broad sample, so all professionals and students working in areas from bio- to clinical to public health informatics and IT are encouraged to complete the survey. By completing AMIA's survey of the informatics workforce, you will ensure that the perspective of your informatics domain will be represented in the development of programs to support informatics professionals.

[Take the survey now](#). You can also learn more about the survey [here](#).

The survey should take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. No identifying information will be revealed in reporting results of this survey.

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. Public meetings are listed on the Office of Health IT's homepage at www.HealthIT.Oregon.gov.

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