July 2024 eNews

Welcome to the OHA's Health Information Technology (IT) eNewsletter! Here you will find updates on health IT in Oregon and at the federal level. For a deeper dive into health IT in Oregon check out the [Policy and Program Updates](#). If there are specific items you would like to see in this newsletter, please send ideas to HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC)

August Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is [August 1](#) from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. The meeting will include updates on OHA's efforts to advance HITOC's community information exchange strategy. Members will also learn more about coordinated care organization (CCO) health IT strategies for supporting social determinants of health.

As always, a public comment period will be available: refer to the [meeting agenda](#) for times or email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

OHA Committee Recruitment

Oregon's Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) is recruiting candidates to fill two open positions including:

- One physician living or practicing outside of the I-5 corridor; and
- One person representing county public health.

Details: Ideal candidates are committed to eliminating inequities and improving health care access and quality for Oregonians who are enrolled in Oregon's Medicaid program, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). MAC members are appointed by the Governor to serve up to two, two-year terms. Individuals from all areas of the state are encouraged to apply.

Learn more about what to expect and how to apply [HERE](#)!

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Federal Highlights

Comment Opportunity: HHS Proposes HTI-2 Rule to Improve Patient Engagement, Information Sharing, and Public Health Interoperability

On July 10, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), released the Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Patient Engagement, Information Sharing, and Public Health Interoperability (HTI-2) proposed rule for public comment.

The HTI-2 proposed rule seeks to advance interoperability and improve information sharing among patients, providers, payers, and public health authorities. It has two sets of new certification criteria for health IT for public health and for payers that focus on standards-based application programming interfaces to improve interoperability in data exchange.

The HTI-2 proposed rule is available [on the ONC website](#) and will be published in the Federal Register in the coming days, at which point it will be available for public comment for 60 days. ONC will be hosting a

[series of information sessions](#) about the proposed rule in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- August 1, 2024, 12:30-3:30 (Virtual): [HITOC Meeting](#)
- October 10, 2024, 12:30-3:30 (Virtual): [HITOC Meeting](#)
- October 24, 1:00-4:00 (Virtual): CCO [HIT Advisory Group (HITAG) quarterly meeting](#)

Want to weigh in on OHA's Health IT work? How to make public comment:

OHA's Health IT committee and workgroup meetings (i.e., HITOC, HIE Workgroup, HITAG) are open to the public, and public comment is always welcome at the meeting during the specified time or in writing at any time. Public comment is an important part of OHA's committee work and is an opportunity for members of the public to provide input and feedback to the Committee or Workgroup.

Meetings: Typically, the public comment period is held at the end of each meeting. There may occasionally be more than one comment period. Members of the public are asked to comment or post in the chat only during this period, and to keep verbal comments to about 2 minutes. The public comment period is held solely for the public to share their thoughts with the Committee or Workgroup. Committee members are unlikely to ask questions or respond to public comment directly but consider public comments during committee work. If you know before the meeting that you'd like to provide public comment, you can email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov to sign up. If you'd like to provide public comment during the meeting, you can message one of the hosts to sign-up. If you are unable to message, please speak up during the open public comment period.

Written Comment: You can also send written public comment to HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov at any time. To be included in the materials a meeting please submit the comment no less than 2 business days before the intended meeting. Please specify which group it is for – HITOC, HIE Workgroup, or HITAG. Written comment is emailed out and posted as part of meeting materials.

Have questions about public comment? We want to hear from you! Please email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Everyone has a right to know about and use Oregon Health Authority (OHA) programs and services. OHA provides free help. Some examples of the free help OHA can provide are:

- CART (live captions)
- Sign language and spoken language interpreters
- Written materials in other languages
- Braille
- Large print
- Audio and other formats

If you need help or have questions, please email HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov or contact (503) 373-7859 at least 48 hours before the meeting. OHA will make every effort to provide services for requests made closer to the meeting.