

October 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.

Oregon's Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC)

October Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is [October 10](#) from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. The meeting will focus on electronic health records (EHRs). Members will hear updates on EHR adoption and use across Oregon and learn about coordinated care organization (CCO) strategies for supporting EHR adoption and use. Members will discuss priority EHR gaps, steps they propose to address them, and how to focus HITOC's time to support this work.

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

New resource available: Community Information Exchange (CIE) to Support Oregon's 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver Informational Brief

OHA recently published a new resource: [CIE to Support Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Informational Brief](#). It provides an overview of the [1115 Medicaid waiver](#) requirement to use closed loop referrals and how CIE can support the delivery of [health-related social needs \(HRSN\)](#) services, including housing, nutrition and climate-related supports, and outreach and engagement. CIE supports this waiver requirement and helps efficiently connect people with the services and resources they need, which helps eliminate health inequities.

See the brief to learn more about CIE and the waiver, including plans for a phased-in approach to CIE use for HRSN referrals, supports for HRSN Service Providers, and OHA's CIE procurement. For additional questions please email CIE.info@odhsoha.oregon.gov.

Sharing Oregon State Hospital Encounter Information in the PointClickCare Platform

Oregon State Hospital (OSH) began sharing real-time hospital event data with the PointClickCare (PCC) health IT platform (formerly EDIE and Collective Medical) on September 16, 2024. PCC platform users can now access and use this information to better coordinate care for their patients or members experiencing major life transitions in or out of OSH's care. The information will be used to support real-time interventions and will be incorporated into reports used for population health. Platform users include CCOs, health plans, physical and behavioral health providers, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and Oregon Department of Human Services field offices for the Aging and People with Disabilities and the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities programs. This work comes from a partnership between OHA and [HIT Commons](#), a public-private collaborative co-sponsored by OHA and the Oregon Health Leadership Council.

More information about this initiative and details for interacting with the information in the PCC platform can be found in this [2-page informational brief](#). The recording of an HIT Commons and OHA webinar about the launch of this data feed can be found [here](#). If you are interested in learning more about this initiative or have questions, please reach out to Luke Glowasky at luke.a.glowasky@oha.oregon.gov.

Upcoming Webinar for Behavioral Health Providers and Clinics: EpicCare Link

On November 6, 2024, 12:00-1:00PM, HIT Commons will offer an educational webinar on the EpicCare Link tool. EpicCare Link is a web-based portal that allows providers, such as referring physicians, care managers, and others, read-only access to a patient's medical record at a participating hospital/health system's Epic electronic health record. Through a single sign-on feature, providers can access most Oregon hospital records electronically to avoid costly and timely manual medical records requests. The webinar is open to everyone but is specifically focused on benefits and opportunities for behavioral health providers and care coordinators. Register for the webinar [here](#).

What We're Tracking

Oregon Health & Science University Announced as 2024 LEAP in Health IT Awardee to Accelerate Adoption of Behavioral Health IT

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) as one of the two recipients of new Leading Edge Acceleration Projects (LEAP) in Health IT award! With this award, OHSU will work to accelerate the adoption of health IT in behavioral health settings to exchange key health information between primary care and behavioral health clinics to promote care planning that integrates health information with patient-driven goals. Behavioral health clinics will take part in a 1-year pilot of a lightweight application for use in three common use case scenarios for patients with multiple chronic conditions. For more information about the 2024 awardees and areas of interest, read the [press release](#) or contact OHSU principal investigator David Dorr, MD, MS at cmp@ohsu.edu.

Where Is Interoperability Headed? Micky Tripathi On ONC Turning 20, The Epic-Particle Health Dispute, And How Health Information Exchange Is Expanding

Micky Tripathi, Director and acting Chief AI Officer for the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy and National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ASTP/ONC), was recently interviewed by Forbes and shared his thoughts on the importance of the proposed HTI-2 rule and payer and provider interoperability. To hear his take on the future of ONC, health IT, and more, read the full interview [here](#).

Federal Policy Comment Opportunities

Proposed Rule: HHS Alignment of Health IT Investments

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources (ASFR) seeks public comments on its recent proposed rule: Acquisition of Information Technology; Standards for Health Information Technology. ASTP and ASFR are actively working to achieve department-wide alignment in health IT investments. The proposed rule is an important step in putting the HHS Health IT Alignment Policy into action. [Comment](#)

on the proposed rule by October 8, 2024.

More information is available in this [blog post](#).

Public Feedback: USCDI+ Quality V1 Data Element List

ASTP recently released the Draft USCDI+ Quality V1 data element list for public comment on the [USCDI+ platform](#). This first version of USCDI+ Quality continues to build upon electronic data reporting needs for quality measures. ASTP is seeking comment on the larger dataset, “Quality Overarching” as well as a subset dataset, “Draft USCDI+ Quality V1.” [Comments](#) are due October 15, 2024.

Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- October 10, 2024, 12:30-3:30 (Virtual): [HITOC Meeting](#)
- October 24, 1:00-4:00 (Virtual): CCO [Health IT 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, 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.