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### HITOC Updates

**Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT, 2024-2028**, Contact: [Laurel.Moffat@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Laurel.Moffat@oha.oregon.gov)

*HITOC develops Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT to provide high-level priorities, guidance, and direction for health IT over the next five years. The Strategic Plan has been developed over a multi-year process involving HITOC meetings, extensive community engagement, two workgroups, and staff support from OHA. See the [Strategic Plan webpage](#) for more information.*

#### Health IT Strategic Plan Finalized

The Oregon Strategic Plan for Health IT, 2024-2028 was finalized in May 2024. It sets expectations for partners in the health IT landscape and outlines ways that health IT can support health equity. The strategies focus on patients and consumers, electronic health records (EHRs), health information exchange (HIE), community information exchange (CIE), interoperability, and governance.

The [Oregon Strategic Plan for Health IT, 2024-2028](#) is available on the [HITOC website](#).

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#### December Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is December 12 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. HITOC will provide input to the Oregon Health Policy Board on experiences with coordinated care organizations. Members of the public are invited to provide input as well. Much of the meeting will focus on the 2025 HITOC Workplan. Members will identify priority topics and projects for the upcoming year.

### Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

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*Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are contractually required to maintain an OHA-approved Health IT Roadmap. CCOs are required to submit an annual Health IT Roadmap to OHA reporting the progress made from the previous year, as well as*

### What is HITOC?

The Oregon Legislature created the [Health Information Technology Oversight Council \(HITOC\)](#) to ensure that health system transformation efforts are supported by health information technology (IT). HITOC is a committee of the [Oregon Health Policy Board \(OHPB\)](#), which sets policy and provides oversight for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), including OHA's health system transformation efforts.

HITOC has six responsibilities:

1. Explore health IT policy
2. Plan Oregon's health IT strategy
3. Oversee OHA's health IT efforts
4. Assess Oregon's health IT landscape
5. Report on Oregon's health IT progress
6. Monitor federal health IT law and policy

HITOC brings partners across Oregon together for centralized policy work, strategic planning, oversight of health IT efforts, and landscape/policy assessment, so health IT efforts are more coordinated. HITOC also provides health IT expertise to OHPB and to Oregon lawmakers, so they are informed about health IT in Oregon when they make policies and laws about health.

OHA's [Office of Health IT & Analytics Infrastructure \(OHITAI\)](#) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

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*plans, activities, and milestones detailing how they will support contracted providers in future contract years. As of 2022, CCOs are also required to submit data files reporting on EHR and HIE adoption by contracted providers.*

CCOs submitted 2024 Health IT Roadmaps and Health IT Data Reporting Files to OHA in March 2024. CCOs reported the progress they made in 2023 to support EHR and HIE adoption, access, and optimization, and use of health IT to support SDOH needs, including social needs screening and referrals. They also shared their planned strategies to further these efforts in 2024-26.

OHA is developing summaries of each 2024 Roadmap section that will inform HITOC and OHA efforts. HITAG discussed the [2024 Health IT to Support Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\) Needs Summary](#) at the July 25 meeting and the [2024 CCO Supporting EHR Adoption Summary](#) at the October 24 meeting. Meeting recordings, redacted 2023 Health IT Roadmaps, and reporting templates/guidance are posted on OHA's [CCO Health IT Advisory Group \(HITAG\) website](#). HITAG's next quarterly meeting is January 23, 2025, from 1 to 4 p.m. during which OHA will present the 2024 CCO Supporting HIE Summary and review minor revisions of the 2025 Health IT Roadmap Guidance and Template.

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*OHA's CIE team monitors the CIE landscape, provides educational information, analyzes policies, and develops and implements strategies that support CIE efforts in Oregon. OHA's CIE work is also guided by HITOC's Strategic Plan and the CIE Workgroup's [House Bill 4150 \(2022\) Legislative Report](#).*

### **CIE to Support Oregon's 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver**

*The 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Waiver, approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), allows Oregon to pilot first-in-the-nation Medicaid changes. Oregon will receive \$1.1 billion in federal funds to create a more equitable, culturally and linguistically responsive health care system, support continuous health coverage and improve health outcomes. Visit the [1115 Medicaid Waiver webpage](#) for general information.*

Oregon's 2022-2027 [1115 Medicaid waiver](#) requires using closed loop referrals to 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.

OHA plans to procure CIE to support Oregon's Medicaid Open Card program to meet the closed loop referral requirements under the waiver and may procure more than one vendor in this process. Use of CIE for closed loop referrals will be phased in during the 1115 waiver implementation. OHA has no plans to disrupt the current CIE environment or Medicaid coordinated care organizations' (CCOs) CIE contracts.

To learn more about CIE and the waiver, including plans for a phased-in approach to CIE use for HRSN referrals and supports for HRSN Service Providers, see the [CIE to Support Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver Informational Brief](#).

OHA is also working with Oregon Health and Science University to interview CCOs on technical assistance gaps and appropriate roles for OHA and plans to coordinate with CCOs to support community-based organizations with CIE adoption.

### **CIE Governance Exploration**

OHA contracted with Portland State University's Oregon Consensus Program for an independent assessment of community and partner readiness for a CIE governance process. These neutral consultants interviewed partners and held several focus groups in summer of 2024. For the full assessment see: [Oregon Consensus: Community Information Exchange Governance Readiness Assessment](#).

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## **Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan**, Contact: [Colleen.Rawson@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Colleen.Rawson@oha.oregon.gov)

OHA's Health IT team engages in ongoing environmental scan activities to inform health IT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHA's Health IT team continues compiling data across the agency and other sources to serve various purposes, such as informing HITOC's progress monitoring, program oversight, reporting priorities and strategic planning. Refer to the [2022 HITOC Report on Oregon's Health IT Landscape](#) for more information.

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HIT Commons is a public-private collaborative in Oregon that makes strategic community investments in health IT as a public good, by advancing statewide adoption of tools that promote health and social health-related data interoperability. HIT Commons is co-sponsored by the Oregon Health Leadership Council (OHLIC) and OHA, and is jointly funded by OHA, hospitals, health plans and CCOs. For more information, see the [HIT Commons website](#).

## **PointClickCare Platform (formerly known as EDIE and Collective Medical)**

The PointClickCare (PCC) platform includes the tools formerly known as the [Emergency Department Information Exchange \(EDIE\)](#) and the [Collective Medical platform](#). The platform allows emergency departments (EDs) in real-time to identify patients with complex care needs who frequently use the emergency room for their care. PCC brings the same real-time hospital event notifications (ED and Inpatient Admit, Discharge, and Transfer [ADT] data) to those outside of the hospital system, such as health plans, CCOs, providers, and care coordinators. OHA supports a PCC platform subscription that includes use by CCOs, Oregon Department of Human Services programs, Tribal clinics, and other Medicaid care coordinators.

With HIT Commons and OHA support, **Centennial School District became the first district in Oregon to go live on PCC** in September 2024. Through this pilot, school-based providers receive real-time notifications when youth have a hospital encounter. This insight provides new ways to engage and support youth and their families and to ensure youth receive the school-based supports they need following a behavioral health crisis. This Centennial pilot is being implemented in partnership with the Multnomah Educational Services District with funding and staff support from HIT Commons. More information about this use case is available [here](#). HIT Commons is seeking an additional school or educational services district to sponsor under this pilot. Interested organizations should email Justin Keller at [justin@ohlc.org](mailto:justin@ohlc.org).

The [HIT Commons User Advisory Group \(HUAG\)](#) met on September 27, 2024. HUAG discussed:

- Updates on priority use cases for HIT Commons, including a community health IT playbook toolkit for Oregon organizations and integration of Oregon State Hospital event data into PCC.
- A demo presentation of a new PCC product called Post-Acute Care (PAC) Management for Payers.
- A review of the quarterly PCC ED data dashboards.

Materials from the September meeting, including the current list of priority PCC use cases, are available [here](#). The next meeting will be in February 2025.

The **HIT Commons EDIE Notification Advisory Committee (ENAC)** met on November 13, 2024. ENAC is a group of ED clinicians from various Oregon hospitals convened tri-annually to provide HIT Commons with input into the content, format, and generation criteria for PCC/EDIE ED notifications. Their goals are reducing avoidable ED utilization, improving patient care, improving transitions of care and other key initiatives/use cases. In the November meeting, ENAC discussed increasing ED utilization for urinary tract infections in Oregon and whether there is a role PCC/HIT Commons could play in supporting more appropriate interventions. ENAC also discussed the data sharing needs of emergency medical services (EMS) organizations and received an update on the HIT Commons project to integrate Oregon's Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) registry with the [Carequality](#) interoperability framework.

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## Oregon's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration Initiative

Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects PCC, Reliance eHealth Collaborative, EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to Oregon's PDMP. HIT Commons is overseeing the [PDMP Integration initiative](#) with guidance from its HIT Commons Users Advisory Group and in coordination with OHA's Public Health PDMP program. Bamboo Health is the technology vendor for the PDMP system. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).

Use of the popular PDMP Integration initiative continues to grow. 26 new organizations launched integrations in Q3 of 2024, with 20,543 prescribers and 2,038 facilities in Oregon accessing the PDMP via PDMP Integration during that period. Additional information, including a list of participating organizations, can be found on the HIT Commons PDMP Integration website [here](#).

### Other HIT Commons Projects

HIT Commons commonly supports health IT data sharing projects beyond its core programs of the PCC platform and PDMP Integration.

HIT Commons, in partnership with OHA, hosted a learning webinar and published [this resource document](#) to assist community providers in connecting to and navigating the **EpicCare Link tool**. EpicCare Link is a free 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 (EHR). Through a single sign-on feature, providers can access most Oregon hospital records electronically to avoid costly and timely manual medical records requests. A recording of the November 6 webinar is available [here](#). If you have issues accessing the recording or other questions, please email Justin Keller, HIT Commons, at [justin@ohlc.org](mailto:justin@ohlc.org).

## Federal and State Health IT Policy Updates

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See past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) for news on federal health IT policy and updates to standards and guidance, including the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) efforts.

### News

#### **TEFCA Common Agreement Version 2.1**

The Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP), formerly the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), released an updated version of the Common Agreement on November 26, 2024. More information is available in the [public notice](#).

#### **New Info Sheets on TEFCA and Public Health**

released new information sheets describing the benefits of TEFCA for public health agencies. ASTP highlights how TEFCA supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's four core goals for its Public Health Data Strategy by providing secure and rapid electronic access to medical data for public health. More information is available in the [Datasheet](#) and the [2-page summary](#).

### **Comment Opportunities**

#### **Public Feedback: Cancer Clinical Trials Matching Dataset**

ASTP welcomes public feedback on the US Core Data for Interoperability + (USCDI+) Cancer Clinical Trials Matching draft dataset. The goal is to establish a standardized set of data elements reported in a consistent format. The dataset would improve the accuracy and efficiency of matching patient data with open clinical trial protocols. ASTP is seeking input on the importance, ease of collection, and potential burden of electronically capturing and exchanging these data elements. Comments are due by December 20, 2024 and can be submitted

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through the [USCDI+ platform](#). More information is available [here](#).

### **Public Feedback: USCDI+ Respiratory Illness**

ASTP is seeking public feedback on the USCDI+ Respiratory Illness and the acute respiratory distress (ARDS) draft data elements and their role in enhancing clinical trials. ASTP is seeking input on the importance, ease of collection, and potential burden of electronically capturing and exchanging these data elements. Please submit all comments by January 17, 2025, through the [USCDI+ platform](#). More information is available [here](#).

## **Stay Connected**

You can find information about HITOC at our [website](#). Meetings are open to the public. Public comments are accepted at the end of each meeting or in writing to the HITOC Chair and Vice-Chair in care of OHA ([HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsoha.oregon.gov)).

Refer to past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) to review previous health IT resources, historical state and federal updates, and more.

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