February 2025 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)

February Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is February 6 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and will be virtual. HITOC will finalize the 2025 HITOC Workplan, hear updates on state and federal health IT priorities for 2025, and hear updates on the 2025 Oregon legislative session. HITOC will learn about state and federal guidance for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and discuss implications for health IT, starting conversations that are slated to continue into the April 2025 meeting.

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: Flyer on CIE Opportunity for health-related social needs (HRSN) Service Providers and Community Partners

See the [CIE Opportunity for HRSN Service Providers and Community Partners](#) flyer if you are an HRSN Service Provider or community partner interested in learning more about participating in CIE. It describes how CIE can help with HRSN services, functions beyond HRSN services, how to connect to a CIE system, and more.

For more detailed information 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](#).

What We're Tracking

ASTP and The Sequoia Project Designate eClinicalWorks as QHIN

In January 2025, [the Sequoia Project](#), in partnership with ASTP, announced eClinicalWorks as the eighth Qualified Health Information Network (QHIN) under TEFCA. eClinicalWorks joins CommonWell Health Alliance, eHealth Exchange, Epic Nexus, Health Gorilla, Kno2, KONZA National Network, and MedAllies, and their customers in the TEFCA community. Read more about this story [here](#).

HTI-2 and HTI-3 Final Rules Published

In December 2024, the Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy (ASTP) finalized two components of its August 2024 [proposed HTI-2 rule](#) (aka the Health Data, Technology, and Interoperability: Patient Engagement, Information Sharing, and Public Health Interoperability). The [HTI-2 Final Rule](#) finalizes new federal regulations for the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA). The [HTI-3 Final Rule](#) focuses on patient privacy, finalizing three exceptions to federal information blocking regulations. Components of the original HTI-2 proposed rule related to updating criteria for ASTP's

Health IT Certification program, including adding public health and payer health IT systems to the program, have yet to be finalized in rule.

Public Comment Opportunities

Public Feedback: The Sequoia Project Privacy & Consent Whitepaper

[The Sequoia Project](#), which is the TEFCA Recognized Coordinating Entity, published the *Moving Toward Computable Consent: A Landscape Review* whitepaper. This whitepaper explains the importance of managing privacy and consent when sharing personal health information, scans the current landscape of challenges facing those entrusted with personal health information, enumerates existing solutions, and explores the strengths and deficiencies of these approaches. Public feedback on the paper may be submitted through Friday, February 21, 2025. The whitepaper and information on how to submit feedback are available [here](#).

Public Feedback: Draft USCDI v6

Draft United States Core Data for Interoperability Version 6 (Draft USCDI v6) is now available. Draft USCDI v6 seeks to advance health data in a way that will benefit users of health IT. The comment period for Draft USCDI v6 is open through April 14 at 11:59 PM ET via the [USCDI webpage](#).

Upcoming Events: OHA Health IT Meetings/Events

- February 6, 12:30-3:30 (Virtual): [HITOC Meeting](#)
- April 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
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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.