

## Health IT Policy

### HITOC Updates

**HITOC Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities, Contact:**

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*Strategic Plan Update: At the beginning of 2020, HITOC began efforts to update the Oregon HIT Strategic Plan. In February and March of 2020, OHA conducted a series of public listening sessions and collected helpful input to inform the strategic plan. Given the pandemic's impact on the healthcare system, remaining listening sessions were canceled and Strategic Plan Update efforts were placed on hold.*

HITOC resumed Strategic Plan Update work in 2021, kicking-off at the August 5<sup>th</sup> HITOC meeting. Areas HITOC will explore under the Strategic Plan Update include CIE, statewide HIE, patient access to data, EHR adoption and implementation, public health, and more. As part of this work HITOC chartered two workgroups, the HIE and CIE Workgroups. For additional information on their work see the Oregon Health IT Program: Programs and Initiatives section below.

HITOC's next meeting is [June 9th](#) from 12:30-3:30 and will focus on laying the groundwork for legislative recommendations. Members will hear a brief overview of the Health IT Data Report, updates from both the HIE and CIE Workgroups, and will begin discussing proposed legislative concepts and additional legislative priorities.

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*OHIT engages in ongoing environmental scan activities to inform health IT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHIT continues compiling data across the agency and other sources to serve various purposes, such as informing HITOC's progress monitoring, program oversight, and reporting priorities.*

2022 HITOC Data Report: OHIT has revised the 2019 Health IT Report for HITOC to include 2021-collected data and Key Concept updates. Highlights from this 2022 Health IT Report will be presented at the June HITOC meeting. In addition, a more detailed presentation is planned for the July 21<sup>st</sup> HITOC education session.

In 2021, OHIT's efforts were focused on CCO HIT Roadmaps and Data reporting:

### 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. 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 \(OHIT\)](#) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

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- **CCO 2.0 HIT Data Reporting:** OHIT supported CCOs’ 2021 health IT data collection and reporting efforts. This included developing an online survey (in partnership with CCOs) that was distributed to CCO-contracted provider organizations to collect EHR and HIE information that have been used to update the 2022 HITOC Data Report, and will be used to inform 2022 CCO HIT Roadmaps and HITOC’s strategic plan work.
  - **CCO Updated HIT Roadmaps:**
    - CCO 2022 Health IT Roadmaps were submitted to OHA at the end of April. These documents include 2021 progress and 2022-24 planned strategies to support EHR and HIE adoption, as well as HIT to support social needs screening and referrals for addressing SDOH needs.

OHA has prepared draft summaries of strategies included in CCO Updated 2021 HIT Roadmaps, which will also be used to inform HITOC. A [summary of EHR strategies](#) was presented at the November 4, 2021 HITAG meeting and a [summary of HIE strategies](#) was presented at the March 10, 2022 HITAG meeting. Meeting materials and recordings can be found [here](#).

## Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships

**HIT Commons**, Contact: [Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsosha.state.or.us)

*The HIT Commons is a public/private collaboration to coordinate investments in health IT, leverage funding opportunities, and advance HIE across the state. 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](#).*

### **EDIE and the Collective Platform (formerly known as PreManage)**

*The [Emergency Department Information Exchange \(EDIE\)](#) allows Emergency Departments (EDs) in real-time to identify patients with complex care needs who frequently use the emergency room for their care. [The Collective Platform](#) (fka PreManage) is a companion software tool to EDIE. The Collective Platform 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 Collective Platform subscription that includes use by CCOs, Oregon Department of Human Services programs, Tribal clinics, and other Medicaid care coordinators.*

- HIT Commons held a learning webinar on May 25, 2022: “Increased Efficiency with Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment (IET) Metric Cohorts: Tools to Support Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Professionals”. Attendees learned how Collective Medical is used to support goals in meeting the CCO IET-SUD quality incentive measure. The recording from this event can be found [here](#).
- HIT Commons held a learning webinar on June 1, 2022: “Care Coordination Tools for Behavioral Health: Collaborating through Collective Medical”. The webinar provided an overview of Collective Medical features available and recommendations for best practices in behavioral health settings. The recording of the webinar will be posted [here](#).
- The HIT Commons [EDIE Steering Committee](#) met on April 22, 2022. Topics of discussion included review of quarterly EDIE analytics dashboards, a report out from the first meeting of HIT Commons’ EDIE Notification Advisory Committee, product updates from Collective Medical on a new Collaborative Care Insights feature, discussion of emerging use case initiatives including school based health centers and Collective, adding Oregon State Hospital data to the platform, and evaluating Collective’s post-acute care (PAC) management module. Additionally updates on previously identified integration use cases including the HERO Kids Registry, and Jails and Housing data were provided. Materials from that meeting are available [here](#). The Committee’s next meeting is June 24, 2022.

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### **Public Health Data Sharing Workgroup**

*HIT Commons, in partnership with OHA, has convened a Public Health Data Sharing Workgroup to discuss and assess efforts to integrate public health data into HIT or HIE systems, and make policy and operational recommendations to HIT Commons and OHA. Workgroup membership includes representation from OHA's Public Health Division, payers/CCOs, health systems, and providers.*

HIT Commons and OHIT staff are meeting with OHA Public Health Division leadership to explore public health data sharing priorities that the Workgroup should focus on moving forward. The broader workgroup will likely be reconvened later in 2022.

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

*Oregon's PDMP Integration initiative connects EDIE, Reliance eHealth Collaborative health information exchange (HIE), EHRs, and pharmacy management systems to [Oregon's PDMP](#). HIT Commons is overseeing the [PDMP Integration initiative](#) with guidance from the Oregon PDMP Integration Steering Committee and in coordination with OHA's Public Health PDMP program. For more information see the [HIT Commons website](#).*

- 18 new organizations went live with PDMP integration in Q1 2022.
- The PDMP Integration Steering Committee met on April 14, 2022. Topics of discussion included company updates from Bamboo Health (fka Appriss), including an Oregon marketing campaign around PDMP Integration, review of PDMP Integration metrics that continue to show increasing rates of usage compared to the PDMP web portal, Q1 2022 progress on integrations, and updates from Public Health PDMP staff, who noted that OHA will not have to perform a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) procurement for the PDMP vendor until 2025. The Committee will meet next on October 13, 2022.

## **Oregon Health IT Program: Programs and Initiatives**

### **COVID-19 Data Sharing**, Contact: [Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsoha.state.or.us)

*OHA is collaborating with partners on several initiatives to share COVID-19 data in support of response and recovery efforts.*

- OHA is sharing statewide COVID-19 positive case data to users of EDIE and the Collective platform, and to clinical and health plan/CCO users of Reliance eHealth Collaborative's [Community Health Record](#).
- COVID-19 vaccine data reports are now shared weekly with CCOs for their members. Additionally, COVID-19 vaccine data is flowing into EDIE/the Collective Platform and to the Reliance HIE. Collective platform COVID Vaccine Population Reports allow for quickly identifying members who have received no vaccine, as well as identifying the manufacturer and dose of vaccines that have been administered. Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson first and second boosters are now included in both data feeds.
- Oregon efforts to integrate Public Health COVID-19 data into HIT and HIE will be discussed and assessed at meetings of the Public Health Data Sharing Workgroup referenced above.

### **Community Information Exchange (CIE)**, Contact: [Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us)

*The HITOC-chartered CIE workgroup began meeting in March 2022. The CIE Workgroup brings together individuals representing Oregon's diverse landscape of community, health care, and social services partners to provide recommendations on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve CIE across the state. The CIE Workgroup's vision is that all people living in Oregon and their communities have access to community*

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*information exchange that creates seamless trusted, person-centered connections and coordination to meet people's needs, support community capacity, and eliminate siloes to achieve health equity. Workgroup recommendations will inform the HB 4150 legislative reports, HITOC's Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon and OHA efforts. See the goals and full scope in the [CIE Workgroup Charter](#). For more information on CIE please see the [CIE Issue Brief](#) and the [OHA CIE Website](#).*

The CIE Workgroup endorsed an updated CIE definition in their April 2022 Meeting:

“CIE is a network of collaborative partners using a multidirectional technology platform to connect people to the services and supports they need.

- Partners may include human and social service, healthcare, and other organizations.
- Technology functions must include closed loop referrals, a shared resource directory, and informed consent.”

At their May meeting, the CIE Workgroup reviewed their first concept paper of [Preliminary Recommendations to Support Community-based Organizations \(CBOs\)](#) to participate in CIE. The Workgroup also discussed two more legislative concept areas: Support for additional partners to participate in CIE, and Potential OHA and ODHS roles in supporting statewide CIE. The next [meeting](#) will be June 21, 2022.

In May-July of 2022 a health equity consultant will conduct CIE interviews with CBOs (especially those who serve specific culturally and linguistically specific populations) and other interested parties to hear the challenges and barriers they face, and identify opportunities to help in their adoption and participation in CIE. The overall information will be presented to the CIE workgroup and HITOC to inform recommendations and the HITOC Strategic Plan Update.

**Health Information Exchange (HIE)**, Contact: [Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Luke.A.Glowasky@dhsoha.state.or.us)

*HITOC chartered the HIE Workgroup in April 2022 to provide recommendations to HITOC and OHA on strategies to accelerate, support, and improve HIE across the state. Recommendations should reflect perspectives from all interested parties and partners, specifically including those serving communities that face health inequities. The HIE Workgroup recommendations will inform HITOC's HIT Strategic Plan for Oregon and other OHA efforts. See the goals and full scope in the [HIE Workgroup Charter](#). For more information on HIE, see the [HIE Overview](#) and the OHA [HIE Workgroup website](#).*

At their first meeting in May, the Workgroup reviewed their purpose and timeline, discussed materials they were asked to review in advance, examined the state of HIE in Oregon, and began to brainstorm potential areas where state legislation could support the vision of HITOC and the Workgroup. The next meeting will be June 24, 2022 – meeting information will be posted on the [OHA HIE Workgroup website](#).

## Policy Resources

### Federal Law and Policy

**Federal Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rules**, Contact: [Marta.M.Makarushka@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Marta.M.Makarushka@dhsoha.state.or.us)

*On May 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published two health information technology (IT) final rules requiring implementation of new interoperability policies: the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) [21st Century Cures Act Final Rule](#), supporting seamless and secure access, exchange, and use of electronic health information (EHI), and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule](#), focused on patient access to EHI and interoperability.*

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These rules significantly impact EHI exchange requirements across the health care continuum. Additional information can be found on the [Office of Health IT \(OHIT\) federal rules webpage](#).

**New USCDI v3 and Standards Bulletin Released**, Contact: [Ashley.Ashworth@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Ashley.Ashworth@dhsoha.state.or.us)

ONC published the latest Standards with the new [Draft United States Core Data for Interoperability \(USCDI\) v3](#), including 20 new data elements and 2 new data classes to advance health IT for improved care, reduced inequities, and stronger public health reporting. ONC plans to release the final USCDI v3 in July 2022.

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ONC and the Sequoia Project, the Recognized Coordinating Entity (RCE), recently announced the publication of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA), marking the beginning of the implementation phase. Also available is the TEFCA Health Level Seven (HL7) Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resource (FHIR) Roadmap, which outlines how TEFCA will accelerate the adoption of FHIR-based exchange across the industry. On May 16<sup>th</sup> the RCE released the [draft QHIN](#) Onboarding and Designation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Organizations and individuals may submit written feedback using [the online feedback form](#) until June 15, 2022.

The RCE will host a series of webinars to help those interested in TEFCA understand how it works. [Visit the RCE's webpage](#) to learn more, find current resources, and register for upcoming webinars. Learn more from ONC [here](#).

## Oregon Law and Policy

### Oregon Legislation impacting Health IT

- [House Bill 4150 \(2022\)](#), Contact: [Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us): *Requires HITOC, with OHA staff support, to convene group(s) to explore options to accelerate, support and improve secure, statewide Community Information Exchanges (CIEs). The bill requires HITOC to submit a draft report to the interim committees of health and human services by 9/15/2022 and a final report by 1/31/2023 on findings of the group(s) and recommendations for legislative changes, if any. This work aligns with the CIE Workgroup chartered by HITOC (see the Oregon Health IT Program: Programs and Initiatives section below for details).*
- [House Bill 4212 \(2020\)](#) REALD Provider Reporting, Contact: [OHAREALD.Questions@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:OHAREALD.Questions@dhsoha.state.or.us): *Oregon's House Bill 4212 (2020) requires health care providers to collect race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REALD) data for all COVID-19 encounters. After collection, providers must report this data to OHA with COVID-19 disease reporting. For more information, see the [REALD for Providers webpage](#).*
  - In 2021, OHA convened lessons learned meetings for Phase 1 provider organizations to support REALD implementation. OHA also published the first [COVID-19 REALD report](#). Collection for phase 3 providers started January 1, 2022.
- [House Bill 3159 \(2021\)](#): *Requires OHA to adopt rules and standards and establish a timeline for health care providers and health insurers to collect REALD and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data from all patients, clients, or members (not just COVID-19 encounters) and report that data to OHA at least annually. OHA will build a REALD/SOGI data collection system for this data reporting. More information about the implementation of HB 3159 can be found [here](#).*

**Oregon 2022-2027 Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver**, Contact: [1115Waiver.Renewal@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:1115Waiver.Renewal@dhsoha.state.or.us)

OHA submitted the Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver [final application](#) on 2/18/2022 to CMS for a new five-

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year Medicaid waiver for years 2022 through 2027. The waiver is also known as the [1115 Demonstration](#). The purpose of the waiver is to reform our state’s Medicaid program, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP). OHP delivers health care to people who have low income.

A federal waiver creates an opportunity for OHP to:

- Build on our state’s health care transformation success, and
- Create a more equitable system.

For more information, see the [Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application webpage](#).

## Stay Connected

You can find information about HITOC at our [website](#). Meetings are open to the public and 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@dhsoha.state.or.us](mailto:hitoc.info@dhsoha.state.or.us)).

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