

Health IT Policy

HITOC Updates

House Bill 4150 (2022) Draft Legislative Report, Contact:
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HITOC submitted the House Bill (HB) 4150 (2022) Draft Report to the legislature on September 9th. HB 4150 directs HITOC to convene one or more groups to explore strategies to accelerate, support, and improve secure, statewide community information exchange (CIE) and provide recommendations to the legislature in a draft and a final report.

The Draft Report brings together the preliminary recommendations developed by the CIE Workgroup between April and July 2022, HITOC's comments on the recommendations, and findings from surveys and interviews with community based organizations (CBOs). Please see below for links to the report and the executive summary:

- [House Bill 4150 Draft Report: Supporting Statewide Community Information Exchange](#)
- [Executive Summary: House Bill 4150 Draft Report](#)

Please see below for additional key dates related to HB 4150 and the CIE Workgroup:

- Sept. 9th: HITOC submitted the draft report to the legislature for HB 4150
- Nov. 15th: CIE Workgroup meeting to finalize recommendations to HITOC for final report
- Dec. 8th: HITOC meeting to finalize recommendations for final report
- Jan. 31st, 2023: HITOC submits final report to the legislature for HB 4150

HITOC Strategic Plan and Annual Priorities, Contact:
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Strategic Plan Update: Areas HITOC will explore under the Strategic Plan Update include Community Information Exchange (CIE), statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE), patient access to data, Electronic Health Record (EHR) adoption and implementation, public health, and more. As part of this work HITOC chartered two workgroups, the HIE and CIE Workgroups. See below sections for additional information on their work.

HITOC's next meeting is [October 6](#) from 12:30-3:30 and will focus on reviewing working goals for the Strategic Plan and discussing EHR adoption gaps. Members will also receive an update from the CIE Workgroup and hear from a panel of CIE users around the state about their experiences using and implementing CIE.

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.

Community Information Exchange (CIE) Workgroup, Contact: Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us

The HITOC-chartered [CIE Workgroup](#) began meeting monthly 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 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 [OHA CIE Website](#).

The CIE Workgroup developed Preliminary Recommendations in four areas between April and July 2022 to inform the [HB 4150 Draft Report](#) submitted to the legislature on September 9 (see above for more information). Leading up to the final report to the legislature, due January 31, 2023, the CIE Workgroup will focus on additional strategies, considerations, and next steps to accelerate, support, and improve statewide CIE in Oregon. The Preliminary Recommendations (which are incorporated into the HB4150 Draft Report) include:

- [Preliminary Recommendations: Support for Community-based Organizations \(CBOs\) to Participate in CIE](#)
- [Preliminary Recommendations: Support for Additional Partners to Participate in CIE](#)
- [Preliminary Recommendations: OHA and Oregon Department of Human Services \(ODHS\) Roles in CIE](#)
- [Preliminary Recommendations: Statewide CIE Data Program](#)

At the August 16th CIE Workgroup meeting, members were given an in-depth presentation on the community engagement with CBOs and discussed the results. Interviews were conducted with 20 CBOs and surveys conducted with 97 CBOs to provide input into the [CIE: Community Engagement Findings and Recommendations](#).

At the September 20th CIE Workgroup meeting, members were given an overview of privacy and security and participated in a virtual whiteboard exercise on guiding principles for privacy and security of CIE information. The next CIE Workgroup [meeting](#) will be October 18, 2022, and will focus on governance of CIE.

Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup, Contact: 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](#).

HIE Workgroup staff and its HITOC liaison provided an [update](#) to HITOC at its August meeting including a working draft vision statement for HIE in Oregon and a set of draft priority areas recommended for further study by the Workgroup. HITOC opted not to include the preliminary vision statement and priority areas in the initial HB 4150 draft report to the legislature, but to revisit them in a future meeting.

The September 30th Workgroup meeting focused on current HIE efforts in Oregon, including Reliance eHealth Collaborative and HIT Commons, EDIE, and the Collective Platform (see further updates later in this document). The next HIE Workgroup meeting will be October 21, 2022– meeting information will be posted on the [OHA HIE Workgroup website](#).

Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan, Contact: Marta.M.Makarushka@dhsoha.state.or.us

The 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, reporting priorities and strategic planning.

2022 Health IT Report to HITOC: OHIT revised the 2019 Health IT Report for HITOC to include 2021-collected data and Key Concept updates. [2022 Health IT Report](#) highlights were presented at the [June HITOC meeting](#). The 2022 report includes an appendix summarizing results of a 2021 health IT survey conducted in partnership with the CCOs, including EHR and HIE information from CCO-contracted physical, behavioral, and oral health organizations. A more detailed review of the report was presented at the [Health IT Landscape HITOC education session](#) on September 22.

CCO Health IT Roadmaps and Support, Contact: Marta.M.Makarushka@dhsosha.state.or.us

Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) are contractually required to maintain an OHA-approved Health IT Roadmap. CCOs are required to submit an annual Updated Health IT Roadmap to OHA reporting the progress made on the HIT Roadmap from the previous year, as well as plans, activities, and milestones detailing how they will support contracted providers in future Contract Years. Starting in 2022, CCOs are also required to submit data files on EHR and HIE adoption by contracted providers.

CCOs submitted Updated Health IT Roadmaps and data files 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 completed its review and notified CCOs in July whether Roadmaps were approved or if any revisions were needed. Once all have been approved, redacted Roadmaps will be posted on OHA's [Health IT Advisory Group \(HITAG\) website](#) (see the website for reporting guidance, 2021 Roadmaps). OHA will summarize information about CCOs' health IT progress and strategies after all Roadmaps are finalized, which will also be used to inform HITOC and OHA efforts.

Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs and Initiatives

HIT Commons, Contact: 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 will be hosting a virtual Whole Person Care Collaborative on November 4, 2022, 8:00AM – 12:30PM PT. The Collaborative will focus on innovative technical strategies and tools that promote the health of individuals and families. Trilby de Jung, Deputy Director of Health Policy & Analytics at OHA will be on-hand to speak to how the recently approved 1115 Medicaid Waiver is striving to better address

whole person care for Oregon’s most vulnerable populations. Panel topics will include care coordination for incarcerated populations, behavioral health, and the insecurely housed. You can register for the Collaborative [here](#).

- HIT Commons will be hosting a CCO/DCO Learning Collaborative on December 2, 2022, 8:00AM – 1:00PM PT, focusing on strategies for utilizing EDIE and the Collective Platform to support care coordination and value-based care. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Powers, Chief Medical Officer for Winding Waters Clinic and Wallowa Memorial hospital. The Collaborative will be held in-person in Portland. If you are CCO or DCO staff and interested in attending, please contact Justin Keller at justin@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org.
- In April 2022, HIT Commons convened a new committee to review, update, and manage EDIE ED notifications in Oregon. The EDIE Notification Advisory Committee (ENAC) has ED physician/clinician representation from eight facilities across the state along with care managers, and Chief Information Officers. Several changes have already been implemented with more on the way including the suppression of headers for sections that have no information, and the addition of flags for multi-drug resistant organism infection and to indicate that patients have critical health information in the [HERO Kids Registry](#). ENAC meets quarterly and is looking for additional members to help shape the future of the EDIE notification. If you are interested, send an email to Mark Hetz at mark@orhealthleadershipcouncil.org.
- The HIT Commons [EDIE Steering Committee](#) met on June 24, 2022. Topics of discussion included review of quarterly EDIE analytics dashboards; a review of new HIT Commons’ produced EDIE Hospital Value Reports to be used to facilitate conversations with hospital leadership around EDIE, review the data provided in EDIE, and identify opportunities for improvement; updates on EDIE/Collective Use Cases in development; and a presentation from PacificSource Community Solutions on their initiative to integrate pharmacy claims data into the Collective Platform to support clinics that care for pediatric asthma patients. Materials from that meeting, including the current HIT Commons EDIE Use Case list are available [here](#). The Committee’s next meeting is October 28, 2022.

Oregon’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Integration Initiative

Oregon’s PDMP Integration initiative connects EDIE, Reliance eHealth Collaborative 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](#).

- Use of the popular PDMP Integration initiative continues to grow with 39 new organizations going live in Q2 2022, bringing the total number of Oregon facilities accessing the PDMP registry via Integration to over 1,300, and the total number of active prescribers to over 20,000.
- HIT Commons has begun a direct email campaign to encourage participation in PDMP integration behavioral health and substance use disorder providers.

Policy Resources

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

Oregon Law and Policy

Oregon Legislation impacting Health IT

- [House Bill 4150 \(2022\)](#), Requires HITOC to report to the legislature on strategies to accelerate, support and improve statewide CIEs, (see first item in this document for the draft report and other updates). Contact: Hope.Peskin-Shepherd@dhsoha.state.or.us
- [House Bill 4212 \(2020\)](#), REALD Provider Reporting: 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](#).
- [House Bill 3159 \(2021\)](#), Requires OHA to adopt rules and standards and establish a timeline for health care providers and health insurers to collect and report REALD and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI). 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

On September 28, Oregon received federal approval to pilot first-in-the-nation changes to the state’s Medicaid program over the next five years. Under the agreement, Oregon would receive \$1.1 billion in new federal funds to address inadequate food, housing and other root-cause issues that lead to poor health for people and families struggling to make ends meet. The agreement between Oregon and the federal agency Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) renews Oregon’s current section [1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver](#) for the next five years (covering 2022 – 2027) and provides federal sign-off and funding to implement the new changes.

Health IT can support [approved changes in the waiver](#) related to stabilizing transitions for Oregon Health Plan members, including supporting members transitioning from corrections, psychiatric, and foster care settings. Health IT tools can also support information sharing between health care and social services to capture health related social needs, referrals, and services.

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).

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