Office of Health Information Technology

The Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) serves as a partner and resource for both state programs and other public and private users of HIT. OHIT provides effective HIT policies, programs and partnerships that support improved health for all Oregonians.

Supporting Health IT for Behavioral Health

HITOC approves Behavioral Health HIT Work Plan for 2019-2021

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC) continue to prioritize the health IT needs of behavioral health (BH) providers in Oregon. In August, OHA staff presented a work plan to HITOC in response to recommendations from HITOC's BH Health IT Workgroup. The work plan includes considerable efforts underway to:

- Connect BH providers to health information exchange
- Provide a Toolkit on confidentiality and data sharing (see below)
- Advocate for Oregon's BH providers about federal support for EHR adoption.

The work plan also highlights potential new areas of work. HITOC approved of the work plan and was pleased to see plans for moving behavioral health engagement in HIT forward.

The Behavioral Health HIT Workgroup was chartered last fall. They focused on reviewing the HITOC's BH Health IT Scan and making recommendations on priority efforts needed to advance the adoption and use of Health IT for BH providers. You can review the work plan on our website >

Informational Webinar Recording Available

Behavioral Health Confidentiality and Privacy Toolkit

On July 12, 2019, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) held an informational webinar about a draft Confidentiality and Privacy Toolkit. The Toolkit provides information on confidentiality and privacy requirements around sharing of behavioral health information. It is not legal advice but provides general information.

The Toolkit includes:

- Sample consent form templates
- FAQs
- Links to further information

You can watch the webinar recording here >

September 2019

Oregon Provider Directory

User Acceptance Testing Is Complete!

We're excited to share that the Oregon Provider Directory (OPD) has now completed User Acceptance Testing (UAT) and is on track for a soft launch this fall. UAT was an excellent opportunity for us to gather input from real users about functionality and user experience.

Testers gave us some great feedback, including Aaron Vik, Operations Technical Services Supervisor from Cambia.

> "I'm excited about the value the Oregon Provider Directory will bring to Cambia. The State of Oregon has long needed a single, accurate source of provider data, and we'll finally have that with the OPD. We anticipate being able to use OPD to validate provider data and create a better experience for our consumers."

A six-month soft launch will begin later this month. During this time, participants will verify that the OPD meets their needs and improves current processes around provider data management. OHA is partnering with HIT Commons for this effort. Once endorsed in soft launch, the OPD will be rolled out for broader use.

Thank you to everyone who took time to join us in Wilsonville and Bend and provide your valuable feedback. We look forward to moving forward with this exciting project!

Learn more about UAT >
Learn more about soft launch >
Learn more about the HIT Commons >
Learn more about the OPD >

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program
Oregon's Program Surpasses $200 Million Mark

Oregon's Medicaid Electronic Health Records (EHR) Incentive Program has now facilitated payment of more than $202 million in federal funding to more than 3,818 Oregon Medicaid providers and 60 hospitals in support of adoption and meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology.

About the Program:
The Program offers eligible providers financial incentives to adopt, implement, or upgrade to certified EHR technology and become meaningful users of the technology. EHRs can help improve the quality of patient care across settings, as well as provide patients with access to their complete and secure health records through patient portals. The program has been in operation since 2011 and will run through 2021.

Learn more about the Program >

September 2019

Health Information Exchange Onboarding Program

Spreading HIE across Oregon

We're excited to report that six CCOs spanning three regions are now participating in the HIE Onboarding Program. We'll include updates in this eNewsletter when additional CCOs elect to participate. The Program is designed to support care coordination by advancing the exchange of information across Oregon's Medicaid provider network.

The Program leverages 90% federal funding to support the initial costs of connecting (onboarding) priority Medicaid providers to community-based health information exchanges. Reliance eHealth Collaborative is the contracted HIE for this program. This program launched in January 2019 and runs through September 2021.

Outreach efforts are ongoing and include webinars that provide information to potential provider participants. If you'd like to learn more about participation, please visit Reliance.

Learn which CCOs are participating >
Learn more about the Program >

Opportunity for Input

Advisory Committee on Physician Credentialing Information (ACPCI)

The Advisory Committee on Physician Credentialing Information (ACPCI) is soliciting recommendations for changes to the Oregon Practitioner Credentialing (OPCA) and Recredentialing (OPRA) forms.

Recommendations will be brought to the ACPCI for discussion at the Committee's 2019 meeting in late October, so please send your responses by October 4, 2019. Responses received after October 4, 2019, will be reviewed at the 2020 meeting.

To learn how to submit feedback, please see the formal change solicitation letter.
And you can learn more about the ACPCI on our website >

Upcoming Public Meetings:

Members of the public are invited to join us in person, via webinar, or after the meeting by listening to the recordings, which are available on our website.

Provider Directory Advisory Committee	Health Information Technology Oversight Council	Advisory Committee on Physician Credentialing Information
September 18, 2018 More information >	October 3, 2019 More information >	October 31, 2019 More information >

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