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.

Informational Webinar:
Behavioral Health Confidentiality and Privacy Toolkit

Please join the Oregon Health Authority on July 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. for an informational webinar about the draft Confidentiality and Privacy Toolkit. The Toolkit provides information on confidentiality and privacy requirements around sharing of behavioral health information.

The Toolkit was drafted by OHA to provide information about when and with whom providers can share behavioral health-related information about their patients to facilitate care.
The Toolkit includes:

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

Some examples of use cases for information sharing

We want to hear your thoughts! This webinar will dive into the Toolkit and will be an opportunity to provide feedback before the Toolkit is finalized and published on the OHA website. Participants will receive the draft Toolkit in advance and should review it before the webinar if possible. Please reach out to Jackie Fabrick at Jackie.fabrick@state.or.us or Kristin Bork at kristin.m.bork@state.or.us if you have any questions.
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Oregon Provider Directory Begins User Acceptance Testing

The Oregon Provider Directory (OPD) will begin User Acceptance Testing (UAT) in mid-July. UAT is a time when the OPD will be tested by real users to ensure it's ready for general release (i.e. go live). UAT is an opportunity to gather feedback from users on the functionality and user experience that will guide future enhancements, and it helps OHA ensure the OPD will meet end-user needs.

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Testing will be completed in two waves: the first in Portland in mid-July, and the second in Bend in mid-August. Once UAT is completed, the OPD team will continue to work with our vendors to resolve any issues brought to light during testing, and soft launch is expected to begin in fall 2019.

Learn more about UAT >

Learn more about soft launch >

Learn more about the OPD >

Oregon Medical Meaningful Use Technical Assistance Program Wraps Up

The Oregon Medical Meaningful Use Technical Assistance Program (OMMUTAP) has completed its planned 3-year run. The Program helped certain Medicaid providers maximize their investments in electronic health records (EHRs), meet federal Meaningful Use requirements, and assess and address EHR-related security risks to their practice.

OHA contracted with OCHIN to provide this outreach and technical assistance. Over the course of the Program, **1,579** providers **across 373 clinics participated**. Some providers received multiple types of assistance. The Risk and Security Training Assessment proved to be the most successful component of this Program. It helped clinics directly meet a Meaningful Use requirement to be eligible for federal incentive payments and led to clinics taking action to mitigate security risks.

Number of providers	Technical Assistance Selected
24	Certified EHR Adoption, Implementation, and Upgrade Assistance
540	Interoperability Consulting and Technical Assistance
756	Risk and Security Training and Assessment
264	Meaningful Use Education and Attestation Assistance

Learn more about OMMUTAP >

HITOC Highlights: Outcomes of June Meeting

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) had a packed agenda on June 5, 2019. HITOC members weighed in on the health equity definition that the Oregon Health Policy Board's Health Equity Committee is developing and explored the differences between HITOC's role and the HIT Commons' role in supporting health IT in Oregon.

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HITOC also covered the following in-depth topics:

Patient Engagement and Health IT
HITOC explored how health IT can help patients engage in their health care. They also heard one patient's perspective on how health IT changed her health care experience and discussed the need to understand the barriers patients face when engaging with their health care through health IT. HITOC will continue to learn more through 2019 and will make decisions about its next steps in future meetings.

Changes in Federal Policy for Information Sharing
HITOC members received an update on the draft Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA), a national, voluntary framework for health information sharing/exchange that the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT is developing, as directed by Congress in the 21st Century Cures Act. TEFCA will likely have a impact on efforts in Oregon to connect the many health information sharing networks ("network of networks").

Behavioral Health Confidentiality Toolkit for Providers
HITOC members heard an update on the draft Confidentiality and Privacy Toolkit, created by OHA. The Toolkit, which will be available online and updated as needed, is designed to help health care providers and other users better understand when sharing information related to substance use disorders is permitted (related to federal requirements under 42 CFR Part 2). You can learn more in the "Informational Webinar: Behavioral Health Confidentiality and Privacy Toolkit" story on page 1.

The next HITOC meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2019.
Learn more about HITOC >

Upcoming Meetings: June and July 2019

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.

Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG)	**Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC)**
July 11, 2019	August 1, 2019
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
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