

# Health Information Technology Oversight Council Health IT Policy & Program Updates

October 2023



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## HITOC Updates

**Oregon Health IT Strategic Plan 2024-2028**, Contact:  
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*HITOC is developing Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT (2024-2028). Areas HITOC will explore under the Strategic Plan work include: community information exchange (CIE), statewide health information exchange (HIE), patient access to data, electronic health record (EHR) adoption and implementation, and health equity. As part of this work, HITOC chartered the CIE and HIE Workgroups (see later sections). See the [Strategic Plan webpage](#) for more information.*

### Community Engagement

Community engagement is a priority focus area for 2023. HITOC held public listening sessions this summer to gather input from consumers and community groups, healthcare providers, and the [CCO Health IT Advisory Group](#). HITOC will analyze this input like they did with previous community engagement, as outlined in "[Oregon's Strategic Plan for Health IT 2024-2028: Existing Community Engagement and Input Report 2018-2022](#)". This report summarizes several years of input from hundreds of individuals. All community engagement will inform HITOC's strategic planning work.

### December Retreat

On December 7, 2023, HITOC will participate in a full-day retreat focused on the Strategic Plan. Members will finalize the Vision and Goals and determine Strategies and Activities to include in the Strategic Plan.

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### October Meeting

HITOC's next meeting is October 5 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Members will discuss the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup's draft concept paper "[Advancing Population Health Through HIE](#)". Members will also review Strategic Plan draft principles and receive information on both HITOC's upcoming retreat and membership recruitment.

## 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 (IT). 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 & Analytics Infrastructure \(OHITAI\)](#) staffs HITOC and the Oregon Health IT Program.

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## Health Information Exchange (HIE) Workgroup, Contact: [Luke.A.Glowasky@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Luke.A.Glowasky@oha.oregon.gov)

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 people who serve communities that face health inequities. The HIE Workgroup recommendations will inform HITOC's Health IT 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](#).

The HIE Workgroup divided their work into five concept areas, outlined in detailed papers. Each paper and topic are reviewed by HITOC. The most recent drafts of the five concept papers are below:

1. [“Statewide Vision for HIE: Oregon’s Approach to HIE and Addressing Health Equity”](#)
2. [“Advancing Population Health through HIE: Promoting Health Care System Transformation and Better Health Outcomes”](#)
3. [“Demonstrating Value with Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\) Use Cases of HIE”](#)
4. [“Connecting the Care Team: HIE Adoption and Closed-Loop Clinical Referrals”](#)
5. [“Consumers, Privacy & Security, and Data Quality”](#)

The HIE Workgroup held its final meeting on August 18, 2023. With the Workgroup’s work completed, OHA staff and lead consultant, Justin Keller (HIT Commons), used the meeting to recognize the effort and service provided by each member and the overall work achieved by the Workgroup. More details for this meeting and prior meeting summaries can be found on the HIE Workgroup website [here](#).

The final concept paper, [“Advancing Population Health through HIE”](#), will be reviewed by HITOC at its October 2023 meeting. OHA staff will finalize and publish all five concept papers ahead of HITOC’s December retreat.

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

House Bill (HB) 4150 (2022) directed 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 HITOC-chartered [CIE Workgroup](#) met monthly from March to November 2022 and has concluded meeting. The CIE Workgroup brought 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. Workgroup recommendations informed the HB 4150 legislative reports and will inform HITOC’s Health IT Strategic Plan for Oregon and OHA efforts. For more information on CIE please see the [OHA CIE Website and the House Bill 4150 Final Report: Supporting Statewide Community Information Exchange](#).

## Oregon Health IT Program: Partnerships, Programs, and Initiatives

### CCO Health IT Roadmaps and Support, Contact: [Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov)

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

CCOs submitted “2023 Health IT Roadmaps” and “Health IT Data Reporting Files” to OHA in March 2023. CCOs reported the progress they made in 2022 to support EHR and HIE adoption and use of health IT to support SDOH needs, including social needs screening and referrals. They also shared their planned strategies to further these

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efforts in 2023-24. OHA reviewed CCO submissions and then notified CCOs on June 16 whether Roadmaps were approved or if revisions were needed. OHA is holding meetings with each CCO through the beginning of October to further clarify their health IT efforts.

OHA is developing 2023 Roadmap summaries that will inform HITOC and OHA decisions. HITAG discussed the [Health IT to Support SDOH Needs Summary](#) at the July 27 meeting. The [2022 CCO HIT Roadmap Summary](#) and redacted 2022 HIT Roadmaps and reporting templates/guidance are posted on OHA's [CCO Health IT Advisory Group \(HITAG\) website](#). HITAG's next meeting is October 26, from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Health IT Landscape and Environmental Scan**, Contact: [Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov](mailto:Marta.M.Makarushka@oha.oregon.gov)

*OHA's Health IT team engages in ongoing environmental scan activities to inform health IT efforts and ensure strategies and programs address evolving needs. OHA's Health IT team 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. Refer to [the 2022 HITOC Report on Oregon's Health IT Landscape](#) for more information.*

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*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 and Collective Medical will host an educational webinar on October 12, 2023, from 12 to 12:30 p.m. PT, on the launch of Collaborative "Insights" functionality in the Collective Platform. "Insights" show clinical and care coordination information used across a patient's care continuum. They show brief synopses on how to provide the best care for the patient, and they facilitate collaboration between different members of a patient's care team. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

HIT Commons and OHA will host their annual CCO Learning Collaborative in Portland on December 8, 2023. The Collaborative will feature discussions on statewide health IT solutions, tools and strategies. Interested CCO staff and clinical partners can register for the Collaborative [here](#). This Collaborative will be in-person only.

The [HIT Commons User Advisory Group](#) met September 22, 2023. Topics of discussion included: an update from OHA Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) staff on upcoming work related to assessing the value of the PDMP Integration functionality, the launch of "Insights" functionality in Collective (see above), a review of a five year ED utilization trends data report, and promotion of upcoming HIT Commons webinars and learning events (see above) . Materials from that meeting, including the current list of priority EDIE/Collective use cases, are available [here](#). The next meeting is December 8, 2023.

**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*

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guidance from its HIT Commons Users Advisory Group 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 37 new organizations going live in Q2 of 2023. This growth brings the total number of Oregon facilities accessing the PDMP registry via Integration to over 1,500, and the total number of active prescribers to over 17,500. Additional information, including a list of participating organizations, can be found in the [Q2 2023 PDMP Integration Implementation Report](#).

## Federal and State Health IT Policy Updates

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

### Comment Opportunity: 2023 Interoperability Standards Advisory

The annual comment period for the [Interoperability Standards Advisory \(ISA\)](#) is now open and will run until October 6, 2023. This is an opportunity for the public to provide comments, suggest revisions, and propose additions to the ISA before the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) publishes the 10th Annual ISA Reference Edition in January 2024. ONC welcomes public comments on the ISA at any time during the year; however, to be considered for inclusion in the 2024 ISA Reference Edition, comments must be submitted by October 6th at 11:59 p.m. ET. Learn more about the timeline and comment process [here](#).

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On September 28, 2022, 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 will 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 approval and funding to implement the new changes.

Health IT plays a critical role in supporting [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 play an important role in supporting 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. 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@odhsosha.oregon.gov](mailto:HITOC.INFO@odhsosha.oregon.gov)).

Refer to past [Health IT Policy and Program Updates](#) to review previous health IT resources, historical state and federal updates, and more.

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