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HIT Commons Update

HIT Commons Launches Community Information Exchange (CIE) Advisory Group

[HIT Commons](#) has chartered an Oregon Community Information Exchange (CIE) Advisory Group to explore what would be needed to create an effective CIE, opportunities for alignment of regional CIE efforts, and to develop a CIE Roadmap for Oregon by the end of 2020.

The Oregon CIE would include a data repository of shared community resources that connects health care, human and social services partners to improve the health and well-being of communities. A technology platform supporting an OCIE could provide many functions, including statewide social services directory, shared risk assessment capabilities, real-time closed loop referral management, collaborative care plans and standardized outcomes and data analysis.

The Oregon CIE Advisory Group held their first meeting earlier this month (December 2019) and will meet monthly over the next year. To learn more about this effort, visit the [HIT Commons](#).

Updated Registration Link

Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Attestation Walk-Through

Do you have questions about the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program attestation process? If so, please join us at our upcoming webinar on **January 7, 2020 10:00am – 11:30am.**

During this webinar, staff will demonstrate how to submit a Program Year 2019 attestation from start to finish. Webinar participants will be able to see the step-by-step process, as well as ask questions along the way. You can register for the webinar [here](#).

Please note: The Medicaid EHR Incentive Program will open for Program Year 2019 attestations on January 1, 2020 and close on March 31, 2020. For more information about Program Year 2019, please visit our [website](#).
For questions about the upcoming webinar, please contact the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.
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2019 Health IT Report to HITOC Released

The Health Information Technology Oversight Council (HITOC) held an exciting meeting on December 5, 2019. The Council learned about the newly released and much-anticipated 2019 Health IT Report.

The report, which provides an overview of Oregon's health IT landscape, was developed in collaboration with HITOC members and will help inform HITOC's 2020 strategic planning. The report covers key health IT, including electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE), which are foundational to all other health IT efforts. Some key takeaways include:

- Oregon has seen massive HIE growth over the past five years, with physical health providers showing the greatest increase. Behavioral health and oral health providers are participating in health information exchange, but a digital divide still exists.
- EHR foundations cannot be separated from HIE strategies. Access to robust, certified EHRs is a major driver of HIE opportunities.
- Oregon providers and hospitals typically need multiple HIE tools to meet their HIE needs.

HITOC members had positive feedback for the report, saying they're pleased to have a summary of Oregon's EHR and HIE landscape as they head into their 2020 strategic planning.

You can find the complete draft report here, and meeting materials from the December 5th meeting can be found on our meetings page. The HITOC meeting took place on Thursday, December 5, 2019, from 12:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in Suite 775 of the Five Oak Building in Portland.

HITOC Strategic Plan Update
HITOC Announces Strategic Plan Update
In 2020, Oregon's Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC) will update Oregon's strategic plan for health IT for 2021 and beyond. HITOC's strategic plan is for everyone in Oregon, not just Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan. Its statewide strategies include state agencies, hospitals, health systems, CCOs and health insurance companies, clinicians and clinic staff, technology partners, consumers/patients, and more. Your input on where HITOC should stay the course and where adjustments are needed is critical!

Input opportunities will include an overview of progress on the current strategies and HITOC's questions for participants.

Learn more about the strategic plan update.

Upcoming 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
January 15, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Health IT Advisory Group (HITAG)
January 22, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
More information >

Health IT Oversight Council (HITOC)
February 6, 2020
12:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
More information >

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