



The Office of the National Coordinator for  
Health Information Technology  
Health IT Advisory Committee

# Health IT Advisory Committee 2020 Planning

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# HITAC Priority Target Areas: Defined in the Cures Act

- **Interoperability** – Achieving a health information technology infrastructure that allows for the electronic access, exchange, and use of health information
- **Privacy and Security** – The promotion and protection of privacy and security of health information in health IT
- **Patient Access** – The facilitation of secure access by an individual and their caregiver(s) to such individual's protected health information
- Any other target area related to the above target areas that the HITAC identifies as an appropriate target area to be considered on a temporary basis with adequate notice to Congress

# HITAC 2020 Planning Discussion

## Purpose for Today's Discussion

- Review potential topics as starting point for discussion
- Acknowledge work we are already committed to
- Discuss opportunity for other HITAC work in 2020 or beyond

## Discussion Questions

- What topics would you add, remove, or change?
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- Which topics are ready for a Task Force? Which topics would benefit from further definition or hearings/full HITAC discussion?

# Background Research

## How was this initial topic list developed?

- Reviewed transcripts from prior HITAC discussions of interests in future focus areas
- Reviewed HITAC recommendations, including the FY18 HITAC Annual Report
- Considered legislative requirements, existing work plans, and emerging issues
- Obtained input from the HITAC co-chairs



2019-2020  
Current Plans

# Current HITAC 2019–2020 Plans

## Interoperability Standards Priorities (ISP) Task Force

- Finish HITAC recommendations and report (2019)

## U.S. Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) Task Force

- Finish HITAC recommendations on USCDI expansion model (2019)

## HITAC Annual Report Workgroup

- Finish FY19 Annual Report; Draft FY20 Annual Report (2019-2020)

## New EHR Reporting Program Task Force

- Create new Task Force to provide recommendations on draft EHR Reporting Program criteria *(2020, pending criteria release)*

## Federal Health IT Strategic Plan 2020-2025

- ONC present public comment draft of Strategic Plan for full HITAC feedback *(2020, pending Strategic Plan release)*

# Current HITAC 2019-2020 Timeline

Action	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
ISP TF	Confirmed														
HITAC Report	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed						Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed	Confirmed
EHR Rep Program TF					Tentative	Tentative	Tentative	Tentative							
FHIT Strategic Plan					Tentative	Tentative	Tentative								

NOTE: Blue = confirmed timeline; Green = tentative timeline



## 2020 Potential Topics

# Potential Topics

Topic	Potential HITAC Action
<b>Priority Uses of Health IT &amp; related Standards</b>	Continue HITAC work on priority uses of health IT and related standards (e.g., ISP Task Force or new Task Force)
<b>Prior Authorization*</b>	Establish a joint HITAC/NCVHS Task Force on prior authorization
<b>U.S. Core Data for Interoperability</b>	TBD, pending ONC consideration of final USCDI expansion model recommendations & ONC final rule publication
<b>Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement</b>	TBD, pending ONC and Recognized Coordinating Entity work planning
<b>ONC Final Rule Implementation Guidance</b>	TBD, pending ONC final rule publication
<b>Price Transparency / Intersection of Clinical &amp; Administrative Data Standards*</b>	Establish new HITAC Task Force or continue ISP Task Force to address price transparency
<b>Data Privacy / Secondary Uses of Data*</b>	Convene HITAC hearing on secondary uses of data

# Other Potential Topics

- Consumers/Patients Perspective on Health IT & Health Data
- Researchers Perspective on Health IT & Health Data\*
- Payer-to-Provider Health Information Exchange\*
- Public Health Emergency Standards\*
- Data Segmentation for Privacy (DS4P)\*
- Standards for De-duplication of Data from Multiple Sources
- Machine Learning / Artificial Intelligence\*
- Intersection of Medical Devices and Health IT\*



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# Next Steps

- Consider HITAC feedback from today
- Refine list of HITAC 2020 planning topics
- As needed, continue input to prioritize potential topics
- For our January 15<sup>th</sup> HITAC meeting, establish our 2020 focus areas



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# Thank You

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