



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

# HITAC Annual Report

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# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Requirement

- “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the National Coordinator, in collaboration with the Secretary, shall establish, and update as appropriate, objectives and benchmarks for advancing and measuring the advancement of the priority target areas...”
- “(2) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS ON ADVANCING INTEROPERABILITY
  - » “(A) IN GENERAL.—The [HITAC], in consultation with the National Coordinator, shall annually submit to the Secretary and Congress a report on the progress made during the preceding fiscal year...”
    - Note: The first report will cover January – September 2018
    - ONC will provide objectives and benchmarks to workgroup and full committee to inform development of the report

# HITAC Annual Report Workgroup Charge

- **Overarching Charge:** The workgroup will inform, contribute to, and review draft and final versions of the HITAC Annual Report to be submitted to the HHS Secretary and Congress each fiscal year. As part of that report, the workgroup will help track ongoing HITAC progress.
- **Detailed Charge:** Provide specific feedback on the content of the report as required by the 21st Century Cures Act including:
  - » Analysis of HITAC progress related to the priority target areas
  - » Assessment of health IT infrastructure and advancements in the priority target areas
  - » Analysis of existing gaps in policies and resources for the priority target areas
  - » Ideas for potential HITAC activities to address the identified gaps

# HITAC Priority Target Areas

HITAC priority target areas include:

- Achieving a health information technology infrastructure that allows for the electronic access, exchange, and use of health information
- The promotion and protection of privacy and security of health information in health IT
- The facilitation of secure access by an individual and their caregivers to such individual's protected health information
- Any other target area that the HITAC identifies as an appropriate target area to be considered

Note: These priority target areas are included in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act and were recommended to the National Coordinator by the HITAC in the Policy Framework in February 2018.

# HITAC Annual Report Workgroup Membership

- Carolyn Petersen will serve as one of the co-chairs and is seeking another co-chair
- Seeking 3-5 additional volunteers to serve as workgroup members to help inform and contribute to the draft and final reports
- Workgroup members will serve a term of either one or two annual report cycles for continuity
- Regular workgroup meetings will be scheduled to discuss content and review progress
- Development of the FY18 Annual Report is expected to last 6 months (July – December)
- Development of the FY19 Annual Report is expected to begin in Spring 2019

# Resources and Support Available

- Staff and contractor support for researching and developing the reports
- Logistical support for meetings
- As needed, ONC can arrange a panel hearing or listening sessions for subject matter experts to help inform the content of the report
- Once approved by the HITAC full committee, the National Coordinator will review and ONC will submit the final report to the HHS Secretary and Congress

# Draft Timeline for Workgroup

Month	Deliverables to Review
June 2018	Subcommittee charge for FY18 Annual Report
July	Landscape analysis report: outline
August	Gap analysis report: outline Landscape analysis report: final
September	Gap analysis report: final
October	Annual report: outline
November	Progress report: final
December	Annual report: final
Spring 2019	Work begins on FY19 Annual Report

# Draft Timeline for Full Committee

Meeting Date	Action Items/Deliverables
June 20, 2018	Subcommittee charge presented
September 5, 2018	Final landscape analysis report reviewed
October	Final gap analysis report reviewed
November	Final progress report reviewed
December	Final annual report reviewed
January 2019	Final annual report approved by HITAC Report submitted for clearance within HHS
February 2019	Report submitted to Congress





## Questions?

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