



CHIME Public Policy – Accomplishments 2018: Midyear Overview

Policy Priority 1: Cybersecurity

- AEHIS Board Chair Erik Decker was invited to testify before the [House Energy and Commerce Committee, Health Subcommittee](#), in favor of cybersecurity provisions in the Pandemic All-Hazards Preparedness Act reauthorization.
- FDA Releases a [Medical Device Safety Action Plan](#) which includes cybersecurity provisions including a piece on a software bill of materials.
- House Appropriations [Committee Report](#) Language recommending the FDA conduct a study of cybersecurity in medical devices.

Policy Priority 2: Interoperability

- CHIME CEO participated in listening session at the White House with Administrator Verma and the White House Office of American Innovation on interoperability.
- CHIME Board Chair participated in Hill Briefing on Interoperability.
- Passage of [HR 3120](#) “removes the mandate that meaningful use standards become more stringent over time.”
- Inclusion of patient matching language in [House](#) and [Senate](#) Labor-HHS Appropriations Committee Report Language.

Policy Priority 3: Telemedicine

- Almost 30% boost to the Federal Communication Commission’s Rural Healthcare (RHC) Fund following [CHIME advocacy](#) recommending a boost.
- Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 contains provisions that permit use of telemedicine for telestroke and teledialysis and more flexibility for Medicare managed care plans to cover telehealth.
- CMS has proposed covering “technology-based services” including when a patient sends an image to a clinician (often referred to as “store and forward”) and when a clinician checks in with a patient.

Policy Priority 4: Opioid Task Force Initiatives

- [HR 6082](#) passed the House, aligning 42 CFR Part II with HIPAA. CHIME actively supported this bill through both a [multi-stakeholder letter](#) and our [own letter of support](#).
- One of [CHIME’s MIPS Improvement Activity](#) was accepted – “Use of Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guideline for Clinical Decision Support to Prescribe Opioids for Chronic Pain via Clinical Decision Support.”
- [List of Opioids Legislation](#) is available with a plethora of relevant bills, some of which we supported, that passed the House in the areas of ePrescribing, Patient Consent, Telemedicine and PDMP issues.
- Policy Staff participation on EHRA hill briefing.