

Public Policy: Advocacy Efforts and Accomplishments Mid-Year

Member Engagement

- ✓ Generated nearly 20 letters to both Congress and the Administration
- ✓ Member education was focus during COVID-19, with CHIME holding webinars on 10 different policy topics drawing near 100 attendees per webinar
- ✓ Led workgroup (6 calls so far) with CHIME members and leaders from policy steering committee

Connected Care

- ✓ Conducted multi-faceted campaign generating numerous letters, webinars, media hits to generate support for extension of telehealth policies
- ✓ Helped secure numerous flexibilities for telehealth under the pandemic
- ✓ Long-standing support of Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) telehealth effort resulted in \$300 million in funding

Cyber

- ✓ Landed CHIME member for seat on and Chair of FCC's new cyber hospital robocall working group
- ✓ Consulted by Senate Homeland Security Committee on cyber funding resulting in our statement being included in the record
- ✓ Invited to closed door roundtable with HHS Deputy Secretary on Stark / Antikickback cyber donation policies

Patient ID

- ✓ Engaged in member grassroots effort and co-founded new [coalition](#) to remove patient ID ban
- ✓ Conducted "[Virtual Hill Briefing](#)" featuring Rep. Bill Foster with 180+ people in attendance
- ✓ CHIME CEO Russ Branzell and members Chuck Christian and Marc Probst testified before ONC Working Group on Patient Identification and Matching
- ✓ CHIME secured Rep. Foster as a witness before ONC workgroup and for subsequent *Modern Healthcare* interview

Privacy

- ✓ CHIME was the only healthcare provider organization consulted on bi-cameral privacy legislation

Interoperability

- ✓ Secured additional information blocking exceptions and scaled down definition of electronic health information (EHI) intended to ease provider burden in final ONC and CMS rules
- ✓ Extended compliance deadlines for both CMS and ONC interoperability rules

Opioids

- ✓ Secured historic passage of Jessie's Law aligning 42 CFR Part 2 consent policies with those of HIPAA under CARES Act