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• Conversations with Members
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• Timeline of Key 2021 dates
• Powered by CHIME, InfoBlockingCenter.org is a new resource center partnership
• Focused on educating provider focused organizations on how best to prepare for the April 5, 2021 information blocking applicability date
• Center launched on Feb. 5, 2021 – two months before the applicability date delayed by ONC in Nov., 2020
InfoblockingCenter.org Partners

• InfoblockingCenter.org is a collaboration between CHIME and seven other organizations, including:
  • American College of Physicians (ACP)
  • American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
  • American Medical Association (AMA)
  • American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
  • American Psychiatric Association (APA)
  • Multi-Group Management Association (MGMA)
  • Premier Inc.

All new participants must be approved by existing partners, if you’d like an organization added, email us at policy@chimecentral.org
Content includes resources applicable to:
• Federal resources surrounding information blocking from ONC and CMS
• Information Blocking Actors
• Information Blocking and COVID-19
• Information Blocking and Mental Health/Substance Abuse
• Information Blocking Compliance
• Information Blocking Education
• Information Blocking Exceptions
• Information Blocking Overview
• Patient Resources
Next Steps for InfoBlockingCenter.org

• CHIME continues to work with the other partners to update and provide additional content, as well as education, related to information blocking

• We continue to evaluate new organizations to be included with the currently listed resources

• We will use InfoBlockingCenter.org as a coordination tool to better assist the provider sphere as a whole in preparation for April 5, 2021 and other key information blocking related deadlines
Patient ID, UPI and COVID-19
The Issue at Hand

• Several members have indicated to CHIME that there are active and long-term issues related to capturing the information of patients and then later identifying and matching those patients to their records.

• This issue spans to even creating a record for a new patient or locating a record at a provider organization that the patient has visited in the past.

• This has led to members being unable to report vaccination data to the state, complicating their ability to distribute doses.
States to Identify Issues Related Patient ID and COVID-19 (so far)

- California
- D.C.
- Indiana
- Michigan
- Missouri
- New Jersey
- New York
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Texas
- Virginia
Member Relayed Issues Include:

- Lack of medical record number on paper mass-vax in-take form resulting in state record system rejecting records
- Not enough information required at time of vaccination to maintain a certified match within EHR system
- Lack of second dose scheduling creating problems identifying those who have not returned for second shot
- Records not accepted by state vaccination system result in state believing provider has not delivered any doses, when in fact they have no remaining
- 1,000s of duplicate records created in systems because a new record is created for each dose and they are already an existing patient
- Large systems with multiple EHRs struggling to coordinate on reporting and record consolidation
- Large number of staff and time required to locate and match records manually and collect information at the time of vaccination
Next Steps

Federal

• Transmit member stories to ONC for inclusion in their forthcoming patient matching report

• Target agencies included in the Executive Order on COVID-19 data collection improvements for potential advocacy

Congressional

• Share member stories in meetings with Hill offices

• Continue pursuing a Senate champion to lead Dear Colleague letter
Join Our Next Workgroup!

• Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00pm ET
  • Register Here: https://chimecentral.zoom.us/j/96402829156?from=addon

Make sure your voice and stories are heard!

For more information contact us at policy@chimecentral.org
Congressional Update
Capitol Hill Update

• House
  • House Committees marked up their pieces of the COVID-19 relief package. Next, members of the Budget Committee will meet to combine all of the pieces into a final $1.9 trillion package. Floor consideration is expected the week of Feb. 22.

• Senate
  • The Senate completed the impeachment trial of former President Trump over the weekend. Senators fell short of the 2/3 majority required to convict the President.
  • The Senate is in recess this week and is expected to focus on confirming President Biden’s cabinet nominees, as well as COVID-19 relief, when they come back on Feb. 22.
    • HELP Hearing on the Becerra Nomination: Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at 10:00 am
    • Finance Hearing on the Becerra Nomination: Wednesday, Feb. 24th at 2:30 pm
Appropriations Update

• Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Vice Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) finally released their subcommittee rosters for the 117th Congress
  • The Labor-HHS Subcommittee will be chaired by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) with Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) serving as ranking member.

• Leahy as well as Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), the Chairwoman of the House Appropriations Committee, are expected to announce that they are reinstating earmarks in the coming weeks
  • Will likely refer to them as "congressionally directed spending"
  • Expect guardrails

• While subcommittees have not set deadlines for appropriations requests, offices are starting to set their own deadlines for March/April
Report Biden CMS Pick – Chiquita Brooks-LaSure

Former:
• Managing Director - Manatt, Phelps & Phillips
• Various Roles - Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
• Professional Staff - Ways and Means
• Program Examiner - OMB

Education:
• Masters of Public Policy, Georgetown
• Bachelors in Politics, Princeton
Next Info Blocking Education Webinar – Feb 23 at 2:00 pm ET

Our next Information Blocking Webinar is Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 2:00pm ET

Register today: https://chimecentral.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NBzuPBbRS7OHe1Zn3WLNMA

Topics will include:
• April 5, 2021 deadline
• New considerations since Nov. 2, 2020 and mitigation tactics
• Available resources
• What’s to come
Timeline of Key 2021 Dates*

- **Patients Access and Provider Directory API Effective Date**: Jan. 1, 2021
- **HIPAA Comments Due**: March 22
- **Info. Blocking Compliance**: April 5
- **Patients Access and Provider Directory API Enforcement Date**: July 1
- **Payer-to-Payer Exchange Deadline**: Jan. 1, 2022
- **April 5**: CMS Admission, Discharge, Transfer Deadline
- **March 27**: 42 CFR Part 2 Alignment Due
- **May 1**: EPCS Deadline

* Dates may shift as agencies respond to COVID and the Administration change
Have Questions?
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