Top Public Policy Accomplishments 2021

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION

One step closer to federal ban being removed! Language prohibiting the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) from developing a patient identification standard was removed from House Labor-HHS bill for 3rd consecutive year and for the 1st time in the Senate following strong efforts by PatientIDNow.org Coalition co-led by CHIME.

PRIVACY

Stronger consumer protections! The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) clarified their Health Breach Notification rule to include third-party applications that collect consumer’s health information under privacy protections, a change long advocated for by CHIME.

CYBERSECURITY

More relief & support for providers! Advocacy led by CHIME’s public policy team resulted in passage of HR 7898 signed into law on Jan. 5, 2021, giving providers credit for cybersecurity best practices.

INTEROPERABILITY

One stop shopping & resources! CHIME public policy launched the InfoBlockingCenter.org in Feb. 2021 and now includes 11 other provider groups. A convenient site to find free resources, FAQs, articles, archived webinars, and cheat sheets to prepare you for compliance!

MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

The public policy team hosted an additional 16 educational webinars on hot topics such as: cybersecurity and third-party risk, the Medicare admission, discharge, and transfer (ADT) mandate, and telehealth. With questions and interest cultivated around these topics, the team has created 9 cheat sheets, submitted 7 letters to the Administration, and 8 Congressional letters and testimony.

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