

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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