What is the HITAC?

The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) was established in the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) and is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

What does the HITAC do?

The HITAC recommends to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology policies, standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria. The HITAC has focused on four target areas as defined in the Cures Act: Interoperability, Privacy and Security, Patient Access to Information, and Use of Technologies that Support Public Health.

HITAC Member Appointments and Federal Representatives

25 MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021

8 Congressional Appointments
Two from each party in House/Senate

14 GAO Appointments
Four patient advocate/consumer members

3 HHS Appointments

6 Federal Representatives
OVER 200 PUBLIC HITAC MEETINGS HELD
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021

- 27 HITAC Meetings
- 201 Subcommittee Meetings

ONC Cures Act Proposed Rule Task Forces
- Conditions and Maintenance of Certification Requirements Task Force
- Health IT for the Care Continuum Task Force
- Information Blocking Task Force
- U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Task Force 2019

Other Subcommittees
- Annual Report Workgroup
- Interoperability Standards Priorities Task Force 2018
- Intersection of Clinical and Administrative Data Task Force
- Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Task Force
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- U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Task Force 2018

278 RECOMMENDATIONS TRANSMITTED TO THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR
AS OF JANUARY 1, 2021

2018 Subcommittees
- Trusted Exchange Framework Task Force: 28
- U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Task Force 2018: 9

2019 Subcommittees
- Conditions and Maintenance of Certification Requirements Task Force: 35
- Health IT for the Care Continuum Task Force: 13
- Information Blocking Task Force: 58
- Interoperability Standards Priorities Task Force 2018: 42
- Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Task Force: 30
- U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Task Force 2019 Phase 1: 32 Phase 2: 16

2020 Subcommittees
- Intersection of Clinical and Administrative Data Task Force: 15

Other HITAC Deliverables
As of January 1, 2021
- HITAC Policy Framework
- Priority Uses of Health Information Technology Report
- Intersection of Clinical and Administrative Data Task Force Report
- HITAC Annual Reports

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