What is the HITAC?

The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) was established in the 21st Century 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 charter establishes that the HITAC will recommend to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology policies, standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria. HITAC focuses on three priority target areas as defined in the Cures Act: Interoperability, Privacy and Security, and Patient Access.

HITAC Member Appointments and Affiliations

32 MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 2020

8 Congressional Appointments
Two from each party in House/Senate

16 GAO Appointments
Four patient advocate/consumer members

3 HHS Appointments

5 Federal Representatives

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OVER 175 PUBLIC HITAC MEETINGS AS OF JANUARY 2020

1 Hearing on Prior Authorization
20 HITAC Meetings
155 Task Force/Workgroup Meetings

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

Others
• Trusted Exchange Framework
• Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement
• Interoperability Standards Priorities
• Annual Report Workgroup

217 TOTAL TRANSMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR

2018
Task Forces
• Trusted Exchange Framework: 26
• U.S. Core Data for Interoperability: 9

2019
Task Forces
• Information Blocking: 60
• Conditions and Maintenance of Certification: 36
• Health IT for the Care Continuum: 10
• U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Phase 1: 32  Phase 2: 10
• Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Draft 2: 28

HITAC Deliverables
✓ HITAC Policy Framework
✓ ONC Proposed Rule Recommendations
✓ Priority Uses of Health Information Technology Report
✓ Trusted Exchange Framework Recommendations
✓ Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement Draft 2 Recommendations
✓ U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Recommendations
✓ U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Phase 2 Recommendations
✓ HITAC Annual Report

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