**CalOHII Communications**

**July 2021**

***In this month’s communication,*** the California Office of Health Information Integrity (CalOHII) provides updates regarding CalOHII activities and news from the federal Health and Human Services (HHS).

**CalOHII Updates**

* **Special Publication Revision Underway** – The consolidated response to the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) update of Special Publication (SP) 800—66, Revision 1, *An Introductory Resource Guide for Implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Security Rule* was submitted to NIST on June 4th.
* **State Health Information Guidance (SHIG) –** the SHIG project is moving forward on various efforts – brief updates on each SHIG topic follow:
	+ **SHIG 1.0 (Sharing Behavioral Health Information in California**) – efforts continue to ensure SHIG 1.0 reflect recent federal and state statute and regulation changes. We anticipate publication of the updated SHIG 1.0 in September.
	+ **SHIG 3.0** –the CalOHII team continues to work with Advisory Committee members on the following topic areas:
		- **Persons living with HIV/AIDS –** the Advisory Committee has completed their review of the document. We are working to incorporate comments and finalize for publication in July.
		- **Persons living with Developmental Disabilities –** we continue to work with the Advisory Committee on the document materials – the full document will be provided to the committee in July for their final review. The target publication date is August.
		- **Minors and Foster Youth –** scenarios for the minors section of this document were sent to the Advisory Committee – we will meet in mid-July to review comments. Foster Youth scenarios are being reviewed internally for submission to the Advisory Group in July. The target publication date is late August.
		- **Public Health –** the team is working on materials and we are targeting publication in September.
		- **Homelessness** – the team will begin work on these scenarios in July.
		- **Universal Authorization –** the draft universal authorization form is being finalized for stakeholder review and comments.
* **HIPAA Compliance** – CalOHII continues to work with four (4) departments on their Corrective Action Plan (CAP) action items as well as conducting a Targeted Review with a department.
* **State Legislation Review** – CalOHII has reviewed over 470 bills for possible SHIPM impacts – at this time we are actively tracking three bills and watching 18 bills.
* **Incident/Breach** – CalOHII continues to review and follow-up with organizations regarding incidents reported to CalCSIRS.
* **Technical Assistance** – CalOHII continues to provide information to organizations and individuals with questions concerning the privacy protections of health information in California.

**HHS News**

* **Proposed Modifications to HIPAA** – the federal Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has [posted the public comments](https://www.regulations.gov/document/HHS-OCR-2021-0006-0001) for the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NRPM) regarding the “Proposed Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support, and Remove Barriers to, Coordinated Care and Individual Engagement.”
* **Spring Agenda** – the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published the Spring 2021 Unified Agenda for Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions. CalOHII has reviewed the agenda and identified seven items for tracking.The [Spring Agenda](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain) is available on the OMB website.
* **OCR settles 19th HIPAA Right of Access Initiative** – OCR announced settlement with the Diabetes, Endrocrinology and Lipidology Center (DELC) to address a complaint filed with OCR regarding timely access to a parent’s request to their minor’s health information. [Information about the settlement](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/06/02/ocr-settles-nineteenth-investigation-hipaa-right-access-initiative.html) is available on the OCR website.

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