**CalOHII Communications**

**August 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**

* **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.
	+ **SHIG 2.0 Sharing Health Information to Address Food and Nutrition Insecurity in California** - CalOHII is partnering with Nourish California to present at a California Primary Care Association (CPCA) webinar on August 31 from 9:30 to 11am. The webinar will include two organizations using SHIG 2.0 who will discuss how they are applying the SHIG to their operations. For more information about the webinar, refer to the [CPCA website event information page](https://www.cpca.org/CPCA/Training_Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=1WN083121&WebsiteKey=4190cf54-8e68-4858-9a19-e7253d7d94e1).
	+ **SHIG 3.0 Sharing HIV/AIDS Information in California** – we are proud to announce the publication of SHIG 3.0 in mid-July. This volume of SHIG includes four (4) scenarios to support coordination of care for people living with HIV/AIDS. The newest volume of SHIG can be found on the [SHIG webpage](https://www.chhs.ca.gov/ohii/shig/#hiv).
	+ **Upcoming volumes of SHIG** –the CalOHII team continues to work with Advisory Committee members on the following topic areas:
		- **SHIG 4.0 Sharing Health Information of People Living with Developmental Disabilities in California –** we had our final Advisory Committee meeting last week and are working to finalize the materials for publication. The target publication date is August.
		- **SHIG 5.0 Sharing Minors and Foster Youth Health Information in California –** scenarios for both minors and foster youth have been sent to the Advisory Group for review/comment. Advisory Group meetings will be held in August to finalize materials. The target publication date is September.
		- **SHIG 6.0 Sharing Health Information during an Emergency or Disaster in California –** the team is finalizing scenarios for an upcoming Advisory Committee meeting in August. The target publication date is September.
		- **SHIG 7.0 Sharing Health Information of People Living with Housing Insecurity in California –** we are working with stakeholders to finalize scope/scenarios for this volume.
* **Universal Authorization –** the draft universal authorization form has been finalized for stakeholder review and comments. We are working with other state departments to pilot the draft form and solicit comments/feedback.
* **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 two bills and watching 19 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**

* **OCR published its Summer Cybersecurity Newsletter** – the newsletter is focused on controlling access to ePHI and contains information about access control and information access management. The [newsletter](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/controlling-access-ephi-newsletter.pdf) can be found on the OCR website.
* **OCR shared new StopRansomware.gov Website** – OCR issued a cyber alert regarding a new Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) website to help stop ransomware. More information is available on CISA’s [StopRansomware.gov](https://www.cisa.gov/stopransomware) website.

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