

**CalOHII Communications**

**April 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**

* **HHS proposes modifications to HIPAA –** CalOHII has drafted a consolidated response for the State and it is currently with California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency for final review. HHS extended the deadline for comments to May 6thd.
* **Annual Update of the Statewide Health Information Policy Manual (SHIPM)** – the annual update of SHIPM is in the final review phase – we are on track for the June publication of the updated SHIPM.
* **State Health Information Guidance (SHIG) –** The SHIG project is moving forward on various efforts – brief update follows:
  + **SHIG 1.0 (Sharing Behavioral Health Information in California**) – the current content is being reviewed to ensure it reflects recent federal and state statute and regulation changes.
  + **SHIG 2.0 (Reduce Food and Nutrition Insecurity among Vulnerable Californians) –** the team is finalizing the content for publication in April. In addition, planning is underway for a webinar on SHIG 2.0 in May.
  + **SHIG 3.0 –** the CalOHII team continues developing scenarios for foster youth, persons with developmental disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, public health, and minors. Planning is underway for Advisory Committee meetings for each topic area.
* **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 almost 400 bills for possible SHIPM impacts – at this time we have over 30 bills we are taking a closer look.
* **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**

* **Office for Civil Rights (OCR) continues Right of Access Initiative enforcement actions –** OCR settled another two investigations in March regarding the Right of Access Initiative. More information about [these case](https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/compliance-enforcement/agreements/index.html)s and the other settlements is on the OCR website.

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