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Annual Report Workgroup Update

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Annual Report Workgroup Charge

Overarching Charge:

The workgroup will inform, contribute to, and review draft and final versions of the HITAC Annual Report to be submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and to Congress each fiscal year. As part of that report, the workgroup will help track ongoing HITAC progress.

Specific Charge:

Provide specific feedback on the content of the report as required by the 21st Century Cures Act including:

- Analysis of HITAC progress related to the priority target areas outlined in Cures
- Assessment of health IT infrastructure and advancements in the priority target areas
- Analysis of existing gaps in policies and resources for the priority target areas
- Ideas for potential HITAC activities to address the identified gaps

Annual Report Workgroup 2026 Roster

Name	Organization
Eliel Oliveira* (Co-Chair)	Connxus, Texas HIE
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Hans Buitendijk*	Oracle Health
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Annual Report Workgroup 2026 – Work Plan and Timeline

Proposed Topics for the FY26 HITAC Annual Report for Discussion

Priority Target Area:	Topics:
Interoperability	• Improve multi-modal interoperability across key data domains (i.e., clinical, laboratory, pharmacy, imaging, claims, public health, research) for key user domains (i.e., patients, providers, payers, researchers, public health agencies) • Improve the availability and use of patient-generated health data • Improve data quality, completeness, and standards • Enable secure, effective use of AI to support semantic interoperability, and deliver high-quality care • Improve patient identification and matching • Reduce prior authorization burden
Privacy and Security	• Strengthen privacy, consent, patient control over health data, and increase transparency into who can access it and for what purpose • Increase transparency, accountability, and disclosure of secondary uses of health data • Improve governance of AI and emerging technologies • Clarify standards and safeguards for de-identified data, re-identification risk, and consent
Patient Access to Information	• Improve the use of AI to enhance access, increase usability, and support clearer interpretation of health data for patients, caregivers, and families • Improve the contribution and sharing of patient-generated health data • Improve price transparency and consumer-driven affordability • Address information blocking and enforcement • Improve Individual Access Services implementation • Increase patient participation in health IT and AI policy development