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Webinars and Member Engagement

CHIME Innovation Summit in Fairfax, VA – June 11-13, 2025

Key Takeaway: If you're a CHIME member in the Washington, DC area, join our team at the Mid-Atlantic **CHIME Innovation Summit** hosted by Matt Kull, EVP and Chief Information and Digital Officer of Inova Health System.
- **When**: June 11 – 13, 2025
- **Where**: Fairfax, VA | Inova Center for Personalized Health
- **Why**: Only a $199 registration fee with the opportunity to earn up to 10 CEUs

Why It Matters: This one-and-a-half-day summit brings together thought leaders who are developing innovative solutions to advance digital healthcare, pushing the boundaries of what's possible. Offering groundbreaking interactive discussions, thought leaders from across the health and care ecosystem will reexamine the top challenges facing digital health executives and reimagine innovative approaches to solving them.

[Register Here]

ICYMI: Check Out Resources from May

Key Takeaway: In case you missed it, our team published several new resources on CHIME's **website** during the month of May. Check them out!

Why It Matters:
- Stakeholder **Letter** to Congress in support of 2015 CISA reauthorization
- Stakeholder **Letter** to House Appropriators in support of removing unique patient identifier (UPI) ban
- Stakeholder **Letter** to Senate Appropriators in support of removing unique patient identifier (UPI) ban

Congressional

"One Big, Beautiful Bill" Update

Key Takeaway: Congress will return this week as Senate Republicans look to rewrite, and ultimately pass, their reconciliation package, officially known as the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act (**H.R. 1**).

Why It Matters: As of right now, Senate Republicans are not expected to hold

reconciliation markups in the same way the House did and are instead expected to negotiate within the Conference in coordination with the White House. Several key issues that arose during the House process are already coming to a head in the Senate, including cuts to programs like Medicaid and SNAP, phasing out various Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) clean energy credits, policy priorities within the tax title, and the overall cost of the package. As talks among Senate Republicans intensify, here's a list of senators to watch on the key issues they've raised with Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD):

- **Deficit/Debt Concerns:** Rand Paul (R-KY), Ron Johnson (R-WI), Mike Lee (R-UT), and Rick Scott (R-FL)
- **Medicaid:** Josh Hawley (R-MO), Susan Collins (R-ME), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and Jim Justice (R-WV)
- **IRA Energy Credits:** Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), John Curtis (R-UT), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Jerry Moran (R-KS)
- **TCJA Permanency:** Steve Daines (R-MT)

Timing: Leader Thune is currently pushing to get the reconciliation package to the Senate floor as early as next week, but the week of June 16 is also on the table depending on how quickly Senate Republicans can come to a consensus on changes. GOP leadership is aiming to get the reconciliation package to the president's desk by July 4, but this timing could shift if the Senate GOP needs more time to reach an agreement. However, with the Treasury Department estimating that the federal government could run out of borrowing power at some point between mid-July and September, Republicans will need to get a bill passed before the August break if they still intend to take a "go-it-alone" approach on raising the debt ceiling.

Federal

Trump Releases Additional Details on FY26 Budget Request to Congress

Key Takeaway: On Friday, the Trump administration released more details on their budget request for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The administration is proposing $94.7 billion in discretionary budget authority for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) for FY 2026, approximately 26% less than what was enacted in FY 2025. The budget request also highlights the consolidation of several agencies under the newly created Administration for a Healthy America (AHA).

Why It Matters: This request follows the "**skinny budget**" that was released on May 2 by offering detailed budget estimates for each Cabinet agency and other federally funded agencies. President Trump had **faced scrutiny** from Democratic appropriators around the lack of spending details released this far. The **budget document** (known as the Technical Supplement to the FY 2026 Budget) is 1,224 pages; HHS spending is discussed starting on page 325. A shorter document on the HHS budget request (known as the Budget in Brief) can be found **here**. Stay tuned for a more comprehensive summary of the health IT items in the President's budget request next week.

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Read the HHS Budget in Brief

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CMS Increasing Oversight on States Illegally Using Federal Medicaid Funding for Health Care for Illegal Immigrants

Key Takeaway: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) **announced** they will increase federal oversight to stop states from misusing federal Medicaid dollars to cover health care for individuals who are in the country illegally. "Medicaid is not, and cannot be, a backdoor pathway to subsidize open borders," said CMS Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz. "States have a duty to uphold the law and protect taxpayer funds. We are putting them on notice—CMS will not allow federal dollars to be diverted to cover those who are not lawfully eligible."

Why It Matters: As part of the action, CMS is ramping up financial oversight across the board to identify and stop improper spending. This includes focused evaluations of select state Medicaid spending reports (CMS-64 form submissions); in-depth reviews of select states' financial management systems; and assessing existing eligibility rules and policies to close loopholes and strengthen enforcement. CMS is also urging all states to immediately examine and update internal controls, eligibility systems, and cost allocation policies to ensure full compliance with federal law. Any improper spending on noncitizens will be subject to recoupment of the federal share. You can find the letter to the states **here**.

Cybersecurity

New CISA SIEM and SOAR Resources

Key Takeaway: The Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), along with Australian authorities, released **three resources** for organizations on procuring and implementing Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) and Security Orchestration, Automation, and Response (SOAR) platforms. This guidance includes executive and practitioner resources to enhance cybersecurity frameworks, streamline incident response processes, and prioritize log ingestion for effective threat detection.

Why It Matters: Implementing SIEM and SOAR platforms can significantly improve an organization's ability to detect and respond to cyber threats swiftly. By following the recommended best practices, organizations can strengthen their cybersecurity posture, ensuring critical data sources are effectively collected and analyzed.

Cybersecurity Advisory on Russian Threat Actors

Key Takeaway: CISA, the National Security Agency (NSA), and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) along with international partners released a joint **Cybersecurity Advisory** detailing a Russian state-sponsored cyber espionage campaign targeting technology companies and logistics entities involved in foreign assistance to Ukraine. The advisory highlights the use of previously disclosed tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) by Russian actors.

Why It Matters: Executives and network defenders at logistics entities and technology companies should recognize the elevated threat posed by these threat actors. Increasing monitoring and threat hunting for known TTPs and indicators of compromise can help posture network defenses with a presumption of targeting, thereby enhancing cybersecurity measures.

Artificial Intelligence

Joint Cyber Guidance on AI

Key Takeaway: CISA, NSA, FBI, and international partners have released a joint **Cybersecurity Information Sheet** on AI Data Security, outlining best practices for securing data used to train and operate AI systems. The sheet emphasizes the importance of data security in ensuring the accuracy, integrity, and trustworthiness of AI outcomes.

Why It Matters: As AI systems become integral to essential operations, organizations must adopt robust data protection measures, proactively manage risks, and strengthen monitoring and threat detection capabilities. The best practices focus on techniques including encryption, digital signatures, data provenance tracking, secure storage, and trust infrastructure and address the importance of securing data throughout the AI system lifecycle.

NIST Workshop on Cyber and AI

Key Takeaway: On April 3, 2025, NIST **hosted** a Cybersecurity and AI Profile Workshop at their National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) to gather feedback on a concept paper proposing profiles for the **NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF)** and the **NIST AI Risk Management Framework (AI RMF)**. These profiles aim to support the cybersecurity community in adopting AI for cybersecurity, defending against AI-enabled attacks, and protecting AI systems. More information can be found in a new blog post from NIST titled "Cybersecurity and AI: Integrating and Building on Existing NIST Guidelines" **here**.

Why It Matters: Creating profiles for the NIST CSF and AI RMF will help organizations integrate AI into their cybersecurity strategies more effectively. This initiative is crucial as it addresses the dual need to leverage AI for enhanced cybersecurity and to safeguard AI systems from potential threats, ensuring robust and resilient cybersecurity practices. NIST may conduct further research into the intersection of AI and cybersecurity and are exploring setting up a Community of Interest.

Interoperability

AHRQ Publication on Clinical Decision Support

Key Takeaway: New **research** funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) proposes a framework for measuring the effectiveness of using clinical decision support (CDS) to support patient-centered care. This new framework includes six domains and 34 subdomains, allowing stakeholders to select those that align with their specific interventions or research focus.

Why It Matters: AHRQ's Innovation Center, in its third year, is building off real world projects completed in years one and two. This framework supports a comprehensive understanding of the performance and impact of patient-centered CDS technology. By incorporating patient-centered principles, it ensures that evaluations are more holistic and relevant to patient care, ultimately enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of health IT systems.

Privacy

OCR Settles HIPAA Security Rule Violations

Key Takeaway: The HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) **settled** with BayCare Health System over potential HIPAA Security Rule violations, including unauthorized access to electronic protected health information (ePHI) by a malicious insider. BayCare agreed to a corrective action plan and an $800,000 settlement. The resolution agreement can be found **here**.

Why It Matters: OCR continues to settle cases involving the violation of the HIPAA security rule. In this case OCR found that the credentials used to access the complainant's medical record belonged to a former, non-clinical staff member of a physician's practice. OCR stated, "In an era of hacking and ransomware attacks, HIPAA regulated entities still need to ensure that workforce members and other users with access to an electronic medical record only have access to the health information necessary for them to perform their jobs."

Policy Team Picks of the Week

- **OMB director flatly denies megabill represents an attack on the social safety net** (Politico, June 1)
- **Genetic Data: Emerging Cyberthreats and Privacy Concerns** (HealthInfoSec, May 30)
- **Trump administration's MAHA report on children's health filled with flawed**

references, including some studies that don't exist (CNN, May 29)

- **Top counter antivirus service disrupted in global takedown** (CyberScoop, May 29)
- **State of Healthcare Cybersecurity: Progress and Pitfalls** (HealthInfoSec, May 28)
- **CISA loses nearly all top officials as purge continues** (Cybersecurity Dive, May 27)

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