



## Top 2023 Public Policy Accomplishments

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Member Engagement	Coalitions	Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Webinars:</b> The public policy team held <b>9</b> educational webinars in 2023 and <b>1</b> in-person briefing.</li> <li>• <b>Cheat Sheets:</b> We published <b>11</b> cheat sheets.</li> <li>• <b>Comment letters:</b> We submitted <b>23</b> comment letters.</li> <li>• <b>Media Hits:</b> We had <b>16</b> media mentions.</li> <li>• <b>Social media:</b> We wrote hundreds of posts including LinkedIn articles.</li> <li>• <b>Surveys:</b> 2 on AI, 1 on policy priorities, and 2 social media polls</li> </ul>	<p>We are active members of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cybersecurity:</b> Active with the <a href="#">Healthcare and Public Health Sector (HSCC) Joint Cybersecurity Working Group</a>. <a href="#">Chair</a> is an AEHIS member.</li> <li>• <b>Patient Identity:</b> Co-founder of <a href="#">Patient ID Now Coalition</a></li> <li>• <b>Telehealth+:</b> <a href="#">Connected Health Initiative (CHI)</a></li> <li>• <b>LTPAC:</b> Long-term Post-Acute Care Health IT Collaborative</li> <li>• <b>Opioids:</b> <a href="#">Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2</a></li> <li>• <b>Interoperability:</b> Jointly advocate with provider groups and host monthly “Coffee Cabal”</li> </ul>	<p>The team supported programming at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ViVE 2023</li> <li>• Health Tech Leader 3.0</li> <li>• Boston Regional Roundup</li> <li>• Denver Opioid Task Force Meeting</li> <li>• CHIME 2023 Fall Forum</li> <li>• All Hands HSCC Meeting</li> </ul>

### CYBERSECURITY

- House version of the [Pandemic and All Hazards Act \(PAHPA\)](#) included cybersecurity resiliency [amendment](#).
- Invited to participate in HHS Cybersecurity Hospital Resiliency effort and inclusion of Most Wired cybersecurity data in [HHS Hospital Cyber Resiliency Initiative Landscape Analysis](#).
- NIST [says](#) that they will develop healthcare cyber resources for small providers following our request.
- CHIME policy staff and several CISOs interviewed for GAO study.
- Administration continues to assess the need for a Federal insurance response to catastrophic cyber events as [requested](#) by CHIME; Invited and attended to US Treasury [event](#) to discuss.
- CHIME CEO [testified](#) before the White House’s National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC) on behalf of CHIME.
- Participated in invite-only meeting with HHS, CISA and White House with goal of furthering collaborating around improving cyber posture of healthcare providers.
- CHIME’s [response](#) to the Office of the National Cyber Director’s RFI on harmonizing cybersecurity regulations was hand delivered to the White House.
- Held well-attended Congressional briefing to educate staff on cybersecurity landscape.

### PRIVACY

- FTC [has proposed](#) sweeping changes that will improve consumer privacy, policies we have long requested.

- Following CHIME [advocacy](#), the FTC has also clarified that their Health Breach Notification policies does NOT apply to HIPAA covered entities which otherwise could have resulted in significant regulatory overlap and burden for providers.
- Co-led [stakeholder letter](#) to Hill on guiding principles for data privacy law.

### **TELEHEALTH/BROADBAND**

- [Supported](#) reintroduction of comprehensive telehealth legislation known as the CONNECT for Health Act.
- CMS finalized clarifications and revisions to the process for considering changes to the Medicare Telehealth Services List - as supported by CHIME.
- Supported one-year extension of audio-only flexibilities for services provided by SUD programs for treatment of OUD to minimize disruptions associated with the conclusion of the PHE, was finalized by CMS.

### **PATIENT IDENTIFICATION**

- Secured 152 signatories for letters [here](#) and [here](#) to Congress on removal of patient ID ban.
- Secured consensus from Patient ID Now Coalition on draft patient matching legislation.

### **OPIOIDS**

- [EPCS 2.0](#) - a bill endorsed by CHIME - included as an amendment to the SUPPORT Act during Senate HELP markup.

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