

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) drives numerous applications that can improve patient care, improve early detection of disease and enhance point of care and administrative efficiency. AI/ML tools are critical resources to driving innovation and digital transformation

1 Support Responsible AI Deployment:

Advocate for policies that ensure safe, effective, and continuously monitored AI/ML use in healthcare.

2 Prioritize Safety, Privacy, Bias Mitigation, and Inclusive Data:

Promote policies that address safety, privacy, and bias, while ensuring training/testing data is representative of diverse patient populations throughout AI/ML development and revalidation.

3 Encourage Workforce Development:

Support policies that build AI/ML expertise for effective development, deployment, and ongoing monitoring.

HIPAA SECURITY RULE CHANGES

Proposed rule looks to strengthen cybersecurity protections for electronic protected health information (ePHI). Some of the new proposals and clarifications include:

- 1 Remove the distinction between "required" and "addressable" implementation specifications and make all implementation specifications required with specific, limited exceptions.
- 2 Require written documentation of all Security Rule policies, procedures, plans, and analyses.
- 3 Add specific compliance time periods for many existing requirements.
- 4 Require the development and revision of a technology asset inventory and a network map
- 5 The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify the Security Rule under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Analyze the potential impact of the NPRM and consider submitting comments by March 7, 2025.



2025 BGHIMSS Advocacy Priorities

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- HIPAA Security Rule Changes
- 340B Drug Pricing
- Mental / Behavioral Health

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MENTAL/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Ensuring that services are accessible to patients. Making it to where Kentuckians can access these services and that it be reimbursed adequately while also ensuring payment parity. We support all bills below!

- SB74 | An act relating to coverage of annual mental health wellness examinations
- HB78 | An act relating to the psychiatric collaborative care model
- SB32 | An act relating to veterans

ABOUT BGHIMSS

The Bluegrass HIMSS Chapter is a volunteer led and managed entity that focuses on locally-relevant education, networking, volunteer opportunities, advocacy, and more. Our chapter is filled with subject matter experts from across the health care ecosystem that stand ready to provide you education around the real-world impacts of public policy for your constituency.

MISSION

To lead change in the healthcare information and management systems field through knowledge sharing, advocacy, collaboration, innovation, education, and community affiliations in Kentucky.

VISION

Advancing the best use of information and management systems for the betterment of health care.



340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

The program allows 73 Kentucky safety net hospitals to purchase outpatient drugs at a discount, using the savings to maintain and expand access to health care services. No taxpayer money is used.

1 Kentucky hospitals reinvest savings to increase access to medications, expand specialty care, and address social drivers of health.

2 340B is crucial for safety-net providers to care for low-income communities without additional taxpayer costs. Restrictions could lead to financial losses for hospitals and reduced access to essential healthcare services.

3 BGHIMSS supports legislation to expand and strengthen the 340B program to any hospital that meets safety net criteria.

4 BGHIMSS supports challenging unlawful restrictions on community pharmacy arrangements and prohibiting discriminatory 340B pricing and patient steering tactics.

5 BGHIMSS Supports SB14