

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Samuel Parker Kaardal
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: March 3, 2025 Return: March 6, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Las Vegas, NV Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: _____
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Samuel Kaardal Date: March 18, 2025

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Mike Bost Date: March 18, 2025

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

2. Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, NV

3. Date of Departure: March 3, 2025 Date of Return: March 6, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Sam Kaardal

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1072.36	\$477	\$231.39	\$1570 for preconference forum and conference registration fees government rate, waived for Congressional staff.
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.
Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Thomas M Leary Digitally signed by Thomas M Leary
Date: 2025.03.17 12:54:58 -04'00' Date: March 17, 2025

Name: Tom Leary Title: SVP and Head of Government Relations

Organization: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 510 Arlington, VA 22203

Telephone: 703-562-8814 Email: tom.leary@himss.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Samuel Parker Kaardal

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Samuel Kaardal

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Veterans Affairs Committee - Chairman Mike Bost

Office Address: 364 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: 2025701073

Email Address of Contact Person: sam.kaardal@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Samuel Parker Kaardal
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Las Vegas, Nevada
4. a. Date of Departure: 03/03/2025 Date of Return: 03/06/2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As subcommittee staff director for the House Committee on Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, the HIMSS conference is an educational opportunity that will allow me to learn about the potential and the challenges for healthcare information and technology.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____

Date: 2/3/2025

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**

b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**

c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

See attached for additional information

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: March 3, 2025 Date of Return: March 6, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Las Vegas, NV

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____
-

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 HIMSS develops, organizes and conducts all aspects of the trip for congressional staff for HIMSS25. HIMSS25 is the leading healthcare conference, bringing together thought leaders from across the healthcare community, including healthcare providers, IT experts, vendors, and local, state, and federal government representatives.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

-

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): _____
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____
-

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Encore Las Vegas City: Las Vegas Cost Per Night: \$159
 Reason(s) for Selecting: see additional information

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$500 roundtrip airfare and taxi	\$477	up to \$301 (per diem rate for 4 days)
For each Accompanying Family Member			

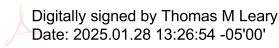
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See Attached	See attached
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Thomas M Leary  Digitally signed by Thomas M Leary
Date: 2025.01.28 13:26:54 -05'00' Date: _____

Name: Thomas M Leary Title: SVP & Head of GR

Organization: HIMSS

Address: 4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 510, Arlington, VA

Email: tom.leary@himss.org Telephone: 703-562-8814

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Additional Information

Question 4. List of Congressional Invites

Every congressional invitee to HIMSS25 plays a pivotal role in developing healthcare and health IT policy in the House of Representatives, and we believe they stand to benefit greatly from the educational sessions and speakers presenting at our conference. In addition to the education sessions, the conference provides the opportunity to interact with, and learn about, real-world applications of healthcare technologies, and hear how policy impacts the use of technologies that improve care, expand access, and lower healthcare costs.

House of Representatives Invitees:

- Sam Kaardal (VA Committee)
- Casey Quinn (Ways and Means Committee)
- Jay Gulshen (Energy and Commerce Committee)
- Una Lee (Energy and Commerce Committee)
- Jacquelyn Bolen (Energy and Commerce Committee)
- John Harry (VA Committee)
- Sarah Levin (Ways and Means Committee)
- Alex Sells (Rep. Mike Kelly)
- Tania Calle (Rep. Underwood)
- Rachel Dolin (Ways and Means Committee)
- Tyler Adams (Rep. Thompson)
- Jackie Weinrich (Rep. Matsui)
- Kate Schisler (Rep. Beyer)
- Davis Michols (Rep. Griffith)
- Blake Thelander (Rep. Miller-Meeks)
- Jonathan Kupperman (Rep. Arrington)
- Michelle Galdamez (Rep. Robin Kelly)
- Alex Karabatsos (Rep. Trahan)
- Brian Fahey (Energy and Commerce Committee)
- Alex DeRiso (Rep. Balderson)
- Emily Henn (Rep. Miller)
- William Seabrook (Rep. Dingell)
- John Quinn (Rep. Schweikert)
- Amy Zhou (Rep. Schrier)
- Jack Ganter (Rep. Carter)
- David Steury (Rep. DeGette)
- Jamie Truax (Rep. Ruiz)
- Michelle Tabajonda (Rep. Barragan)
- Rob Hicks (Rep. Obernolte)
- Kassie Stagner (VA Committee)

Question 16: Reason(s) for Selecting Hotels

HIMSS works with local hotels to negotiate room blocks at government per diem rate near the convention center where HIMSS25 is held. Hotels are selected based on location and availability of rooms to accommodate congressional staff at the federal per diem rate.

Question 18: Total Expenses for each Participant:

Total meal expenses per participant: Congressional staff will be responsible for their own meals during HIMSS25. HIMSS is offering reimbursement up to \$86/day and \$64.50/travel day, which is the per diem rate for Las Vegas for 2025

Total transportation expenses per participant: In addition to the cost of the flight, Congressional staff will be reimbursed for any necessary ubers or taxis to/from the airports in DC and Orlando.



Congressional Staff Agenda

Location: The Venetian Convention & Expo Center, Caesars Forum, and Wynn Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
 March 3-6, 2024

Access Full Conference Information here: [HIMSS25](#)

All times are Pacific Time (ET).

****Note: Congressional Staff will be responsible for finding their own meals****

****Note: All events listed on this agenda are open to all conference attendees****

Monday, March 3, 2025

TBD Afternoon	Staff flights land in LAS
5:00-7:00pm	HIMSS24 Opening Reception Description: Remarks from Hal Wolf, CEO, HIMSS on the focus of the HIMSS24 global conference and preview of keynote sessions. Attendees will also have the opportunity to interact and engage with a broad array of conference attendees, including government officials, thought leaders, and representatives from across the healthcare ecosystem.
	Dinner on your own, by PTS consistent with per diem

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:30 – 10:00 AM	Tuesday AM Keynote: Shaping the Future of Healthcare: A Collaborative Care Journey Where Technology and Humanity Exist Description: At the HIMSS25 Opening Keynote, Dr. Seung-woo Park, President of Samsung Medical Center, will explore the critical role of digital health transformation in enhancing patient care, with a particular emphasis on the integration of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) and the development of next-generation systems, like DARWIN (Data Analytics and Research Window for Integrated kNowledge). These technologies are milestones of Samsung Medical Center’s journey as the world’s first HIMSS Analytics quadruple-validated stage 7 status organization and the first to receive to receive a perfect HIMSS Digital Health Indicator score. Hal Wolf, President and CEO of HIMSS, will continue the conversation in a fireside chat with both Dr. Seung-woo Park, President and Dr. Meong Hi Son, Chief Medical Information Officer of Samsung Medical Center, as they share insights and aspirations for the future of healthcare. Dr. Meong Hi Son will discuss how hospitals can not only adapt to but also lead in the integration of new technologies, citing examples from her experience with social robots and the iterative journey of digital transformation, ultimately transforming the way healthcare is delivered.
10:15am – 4:15pm	Concurrent Education Sessions with dozens of options to choose from each hour block. Below are just a sample of available choices
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to): Physicians' Burnout: Is AI the Only Path Forward? Description: The panel will conduct a lively conversation, between leaders who believe in technology and AI as the main solution for physicians’ burden and burnout, and leaders who are skeptical about AI’s ability to deliver those

	<p>promises without compromising ethics, security and equity. Would there be a middle ground? We will delve into the pressing issue of physician burnout, offering a comprehensive exploration of how cutting-edge technology, strategic policy-making, and effective burnout-relief strategies can collectively enhance the working lives of healthcare professionals. Whether it's innovative solutions like Ambient AI or tried-and-true, low-tech, high-impact strategies, we aim to provide practical analysis and conversation that can have a positive impact on your daily practice. An article published in JAMA in March 2023 showed that burnout is estimated to cost the healthcare system at least \$4.6 billion annually, with the greatest burden attributable to turnover and work-hour reductions among primary care physicians. As burnout continues to impact healthcare providers at an alarming rate, this panel seeks to provide attendees with actionable insights and innovative solutions to mitigate these challenges and improve overall job satisfaction, workforce retention and patient care.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anwar Jebran, Primary Care Physician Informaticist – Clinical Assistant Professor, Oak Street Health • Deepti Pandita, Vice President, Informatics and Chief Medical Information Officer, University of California Irvine Health • Jonah Feldman, Medical Director, Clinical Transformation and Informatics, NYU Langone Health • Deborah Edberg, Chief Wellness Officer, Oak Street Health <p>OR</p> <p>Mastering Cyber Threat Intelligence to Protect Patient Safety Description: Once upon a time, healthcare leaders were concerned about cybersecurity because they wanted to protect patient data. Today, we understand that cybersecurity also plays a critical role in protecting clinical outcomes. While we have adopted our strategies across the industry, cybercriminals are changing tactics and adapting their strategies at a rate that is difficult to keep pace with. So, how do hospital and healthcare system leaders keep up? Join us for a session dedicated to gathering, assessing and integrating cyber threat intelligence into your cybersecurity strategy. We'll share real-world scenarios gathered by threat intelligence teams from various sources, how to think about and interpret the intelligence, and what to do with it. From red and purple teams to threat hunting and more, we'll show you how cyberattackers find the cracks in your safeguards and security and what to do when it happens. You'll hear from experts in the field who have dedicated their healthcare careers to safeguarding patients' data and health through evolving cybersecurity strategies that keep pace with the rapidly changing strategies of those who seek to harm patients and cripple organizations.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jon Moore, Chief Risk Officer and SVP Consulting Services, Clearwater • Michael Gross, Manager, Cybersecurity Intelligence, Cleveland Clinic
<p>11:15AM – 12:45 PM</p> <p>(When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)</p>	<p>HIMSS24 Exhibition Hall Open, with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions</p> <p>Description: Discover new technology and new solutions on a show floor made for health innovation. Experts are on hand to guide you to the next big idea that will help you conquer your greatest obstacles on your journey to creating a better tomorrow through health information and technology.</p>

	<p>Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS24 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Digital Health Technology Park, Patient Engagement 365, and more.</p> <p>Hill staff will be provided a list of organizations represented from their district where applicable.</p>
11:15-12:45pm	Lunch Break - <i>**Meal on your own, by PTS consistent with per diem**</i>
12:45 – 1:45 PM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Real-Time Analytics Monitoring Platform: Usable AI in Action Description: Use of AI tools in healthcare has been accelerating, with growing trust in results produced and delivered by such tools. RAMP, one such tool already in action, focuses on delivering actionable, verifiable and explainable machine learning, integrating it as a decision support tool into clinical workflow to improve insights into patient health trends and facilitate faster delivery of necessary care, improving patient outcomes. AI-driven predictive analytics models utilize complex real-time and historical patient data to provide healthcare professionals with actionable insights, and to alert care teams if the patient is in need of immediate attention.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valentina Baljak, Senior Data Scientist, UVA Health • Margot Bjoring, Data Scientist, UVA Health • Michael van den Bossche, Senior Data Scientist, UVA Health <p>OR</p> <p>Improving Appointment Capacity: Streamlining Scheduling with Physician Engagement and Technology Description: Healthcare systems are challenged to create a streamlined, technology-enabled scheduling workflow to improve appointment capacity, provider satisfaction and overall patient experience. Physician compensation models and preferences don't always align with patient access and healthcare system volume targets. Healthcare system leaders will share their successes and lessons learned using physician engagement and technology to streamline the scheduling workflow and improve appointment capacity for 27 specialties across a large healthcare system. In addition, healthcare system leaders will showcase a financial ROI model that was used to track financial impact of increasing capacity</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Sheinberg, Chief Medical Information Officer, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health • Gary Davidson, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Technology Officer, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health • Mary Sirois, Managing Director, Nordic Global
2:00 – 3:00 PM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Reimagining Care for At-Risk Kids: Lessons in School-Based Access Description: Children in rural underserved areas are much more likely to face adverse childhood experiences, and they're less likely to receive the support they need, particularly healthcare services. This social determinant of health disproportionately affects low-income youth and students of color. We must come up with new ways to deliver care and service to these youth—</p>

	<p>starting with school-based healthcare services, both virtual and in-person. In this presentation, leaders for Children’s National Hospital and Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters Health System present evidence that underscores the need for school-based healthcare services, delivered virtually and in-person. They describe the approach their organizations have taken in offering school-based telehealth services, the ways those services have evolved over time, the impact of increased access to physical and mental healthcare on health outcomes and educational performance, and the lessons learned in implementation, engagement, offerings and approach.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cynthia Horner, Chief Medical Officer, Amwell • Shireen Atabaki, Medical Director, School Telemedicine and Emergency Medical Physician, Children’s National Hospital • Tina Gustin, Clinical Manager of Telehealth Services, Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters <p>OR</p> <p>Addressing Today’s Public Health Crisis: The Future of Mental Health and Addiction Treatment</p> <p>Description: The New Jersey Commissioner of Health, Dr. Kaitlan Baston, will discuss state-level innovations that can scale nationally and even globally to address the nation’s top causes of death in young people, up to age 44: overdose, suicide, and homicide. It will take innovation, outside the box thinking, and agility at scale that public-private partnerships can offer to make an impact. This will be followed by a panel discussion of state and national-level experts harnessing the power of technology to address a nation in crisis.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaitlin Baston, Commissioner of Health, New Jersey Department of Health • Allison Arwady, Director, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC • Christopher Chen, Medical Director, Medicaid and Clinical Informatics, WA State Health Care Authority
3:15 – 4:15 PM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Fall Injury Risk Model: From AI to Clinical Interventions</p> <p>Description: We will share UCHealth’s deployment of a model predicting risk of inpatient fall with injury using mobility data, behavioral health indicators, and other risk factors to a cloud platform integrated with the Epic EMR. We will then discuss implementation of the model in clinical workflows, highlighting development of a novel UI in the patient chart to present recommendations of interventions to prevent falls based on a patient’s unique risk profile.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brendan Drew, Data Scientist, UCHealth • Brittany Cyriacks, Clinical Informaticist, UCHealth <p>OR</p> <p>The Day After: Preparing to Recover from a Major Cyberattack</p>

	<p>Description: Healthcare organizations continue to be targeted by cyberattacks. Cybercriminals are increasingly causing severe damage, which shows that defense cannot be the only strategy. The battle is unfair. IT and cybersecurity professionals must fix and protect all software and hardware at all times, while cyberattacks only have to exploit one technical or human weakness. Healthcare leaders must accept that their organization will suffer a successful attack sooner or later. Healthcare IT needs to focus on reducing the impact of a cyberattack, as well as on improving resilience and recovery times after an attack. The speakers have guided Kaiser Permanente's journey toward cyber resilience. They will share their insights, the difficulties they faced, and the technical and operational improvements made, using a zero-trust approach, to enable their multistate integrated delivery system to continue to care for millions of patients after a major cyberattack.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Liederman, CEO, CybersolutionsMD • Bridget Karlin, Senior Vice President, IT Operations, Kaiser Permanente
4:15 – 5:30 PM (When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)	<p>HIMSS24 Exhibition Hall Open, with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions</p> <p>Description: Discover new technology and new solutions on a show floor made for health innovation. Experts are on hand to guide you to the next big idea that will help you conquer your greatest obstacles on your journey to creating a better tomorrow through health information and technology. Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS24 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Digital Health Technology Park, Patient Engagement 365, and more.</p> <p>Hill staff will be provided a list of organizations represented from their district where applicable.</p>
5:00 – 6:00pm	<p>Government Connections Plaza Networking Reception Join us for the Government Connections Plaza Opening Reception and connect with fellow health information and technology thought leaders and policy influencers from around the globe!</p>
	Dinner on your own, by PTS consistent with per diem

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:30 – 9:45 AM	<p>Tuesday AM Keynote: Disruptive Technologies: Examining the Challenges and Opportunities of Cyber, AI and Beyond</p> <p>Description: A name synonymous with visionary leadership, retired four-star Army General Paul M. Nakasone is the longest-serving leader of the U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Agency/Central Security Service, and is regarded among an elite class of leaders whose strategic expertise at the nexus of cybersecurity, technology, and geopolitics has laid the groundwork for upholding our nation's security in the modern age. General Nakasone's career spans more than three decades of pivotal moments in modern warfare and digital defense and he draws upon his experiences constantly at the epicenter of conflict to share battle-tested lessons on transformational leadership, while also examining the challenges and opportunities organizations face in the ever-evolving tech and security landscape.</p>
10:00am –	Concurrent Education Sessions with dozens of options to choose from each

4:15pm	hour block. Below are just a sample of available choices
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Unlocking AI in Healthcare with Federated Learning and Generative AI Description: Large Language Models (LLMs) and Generative AI (GenAI) require substantial datasets for effective training; however, high-quality data in healthcare is scarce due to legal and regulatory challenges. Federated learning, where the model is shared rather than the data, enables broad data access supporting model generalizability and bias mitigation. Hence, federated research networks can be significantly augmented by clinical LLMs and GenAI to structure electronic health records (EHRs) for AI applications, support advanced analytics on multimodal data, compose patient charts from verbal physician-patient interactions, and generate discharge notes. LLMs can also help facilitate research and clinical decision-making, improving patient care. Due to inherent biases and risks of generating inaccurate information (hallucinations), LLMs should however be used as co-pilots or under human supervision to prevent patient harm. Ultimately, we are now at a pivotal time where federated learning and GenAI approaches have the potential to significantly impact AI implementation across healthcare.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vishakha Sharma, Senior Principal Data Scientist, Roche • Michael Pfeffer, Chief Information and Digital Officer, Stanford Health Care • Sonya Makhni, Medical Director of Applied Informatics, May Clinic • Frederik Buijs, Senior Global Medical Director, Roche Pharmaceuticals <p>OR</p> <p>Transform Your Future: Key Strategies for Digital Change Success Description: In today's fast-paced healthcare technology landscape, leaders are at the forefront of driving successful digital software adoption. This dynamic session delves into the best practices for preparing your organization for a seamless digital transformation. With a focus on change management and process improvement, we will uncover strategies to align your organizational culture, boost stakeholder engagement, and streamline processes for smooth software integration. Attendees will benefit from real-world case studies featuring several vendor products across various areas of healthcare, from mature solutions to pilots with new entrants in the field. Gain actionable insights to overcome resistance, foster collaboration, and promote continuous improvement. This engaging best practice discussion will equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to lead your organization through transformative change effectively. Whether you're facing resistance to change or seeking to enhance stakeholder alignment, this session offers the expertise to navigate these challenges and drive success in your digital initiatives. Don't miss this opportunity to transform your approach to digital software implementation and position your organization at the cutting edge of healthcare technology. Join us and become a leader in strategic transformation.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Broj, Health System Chief Digital Transformation Officer, Medical University of South Carolina • Franco Cardillo, Executive Director, Digital Strategy and Operations, Medical University of South Carolina
11:00 AM – 12:45	HIMSS24 Exhibition Hall Open, with live technology demonstrations,

<p>PM</p> <p>(When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)</p>	<p>presentations, and education sessions</p> <p>Description: Discover new technology and new solutions on a show floor made for health innovation. Experts are on hand to guide you to the next big idea that will help you conquer your greatest obstacles on your journey to creating a better tomorrow through health information and technology. Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS24 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Digital Health Technology Park, Patient Engagement 365, and more.</p> <p>Hill staff will be provided a list of organizations represented from their district where applicable.</p>
<p>11:00-12:45pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break - <i>**Meal on your own, by PTS consistent with per diem**</i></p>
<p>12:45 – 1:45 am</p>	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to): Congressional Forum: Digital Health Policy in the 118th Congress</p> <p>Description: The Congressional Forum is a lively panel discussion featuring key House and Senate staffers on the digital health policy landscape and what we can expect from the legislative agenda in 2025. This session will look at the pressing issues facing lawmakers and what opportunities exist with a divided Congress to pass meaningful legislation that will advance the U.S. health system transformation.</p> <p>Speakers (pending): TBD</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Leveraging Virtual Care to Alleviate the Healthcare Workforce Strain Description: As healthcare systems grapple with workforce shortages and provider burnout, virtual care has emerged as a vital solution to mitigate these challenges. This session will explore the transformative virtual care delivery models that extend provider reach, improve access to care and reduce burnout among staff. Realizing these benefits requires significant investment, robust infrastructure and effective change management. A panel of digital health leaders from three prominent academic medical centers will discuss how their organizations leverage state-of-the-art telehealth technology, remote monitoring and other digital strategies to transform patient care and alleviate the strain on healthcare professionals. Programs featured include virtual nursing, tele-hospitalist rounding, TeleICU to support new PICU nurses, hospital access line telemedicine programs, and a virtual-only specialty practice. Leaders will outline key considerations for setting program strategy, discuss resources required for implementation, and share data demonstrating the impact of these programs on the workforce.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jared Augemsteom. Managing Director, Manatt Health • Ann Hufferberger, Director, Penn Center for Connected Care, University of Pennsylvania Medicine • Emily Warr, Administrator, Center for Telehealth, Medical University of South Carolina • Rebecca Canino, Executive Director, Office of Telemedicine, Johns Hopkins Medicine
<p>2:00 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to): Leveraging Health Information Exchange for Clinical Decision Support at</p>

	<p>Scale</p> <p>Description: This panel will explore the transformative potential of Health Information Exchange (HIE) in enhancing clinical decision support (CDS) across healthcare systems. Moderated by an expert clinical informatician, the session will feature insights from three distinguished co-panelists. The executive director of an HIE will discuss the opportunities for improving CDS through comprehensive data sharing. The head of informatics from a leading publisher will present an innovative knowledge graph, a comprehensive repository of computable biomedical evidence for the domain of medicine. Lastly, the vice president of clinical reasoning from a health IT platform company will illustrate the practical deployment of this knowledge graph on the platform, demonstrating how it facilitates advanced clinical reasoning at scale. Attendees will gain a deep understanding of the synergistic role of HIE, knowledge graphs, and health IT platforms in revolutionizing clinical decision-making and improving patient outcomes.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackford Middleton, CEO, Middleton Consulting • Tim Pletcher, Founding Executive Director, Michigan Health Information Networks Shared Services (miHIN) • Chris Wroe, Health Informatician, BMJ Knowledge • Rob Reynolds, Director, Product, Smile Digital Health <p>OR</p> <p>Leveraging Technology to Improve Outcomes with Individualized Emergency Medical Plans</p> <p>Description: Join the team behind Children’s Nebraska Project Austin Department and partner to learn how they bootstrapped a new application designed to dramatically increase patient healthcare outcomes during an emergency by providing the right information, to the right people, at the right time. This is a true innovative approach to redefining the healthcare team. Children with Medical Complexity (CMC) are a vulnerable population that require special medical treatment. When emergencies occur at home, many of these children are treated by local EMS, such as fire/rescue and Emergency Departments (EDs). EMS and EDs have minimal training caring for CMC, leaving them and the patients vulnerable. Project Austin provides children with an individualized emergency medical plan (EMP). These care plans are put into the hands of emergency responders as guidance for emergency care of the child. Concisely put, this team has applied a unique cadre of technologies to ensure CMC in Nebraska (and beyond) receive specialized care, saving lives in emergent situations. This project was called “impossible to scope” by numerous others, yet persistence and a calling to care for others among this collaborative team gave them the inspiration and motivation to make the “impossible” a reality.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie McCawley, Project Austin Cofounder, University of Nebraska • Tiffany Simon, Project Austin Cofounder, University of Nebraska • Chad Campbell, Director, Project Management Office, InterScripts
3:15 – 4:15 PM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Mind the Gap: CareFirst’s Journey to Connecting Technology, Social Needs, and Health Outcomes</p> <p>Description: is session explores how a not-for-profit, mission-driven healthcare company serving more than 3.6 million members across the mid-Atlantic region identifies and measures social risks. Leveraging data, technology, and</p>

	<p>surveillance, they partner to implement impactful "boots on the ground" interventions that reduce disparities and drive meaningful health outcomes. Attendees will gain insight into why social risk measurement is essential for improving health outcomes, reducing costs, supporting value-based care models, and advancing health equity.</p> <p>The session also highlights how these efforts align with the organization's larger mission and strategy, showcasing its commitment to systemic transformation and equity. By connecting technology with community-based solutions, they demonstrate the power of collaboration and innovation to bridge gaps in care. Participants will leave with actionable takeaways to integrate these principles into their own efforts toward achieving health equity.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destiny-Simone Ramjohn, VP, Community Health & Social Impact, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield • Bryan Buckley, Health of Public Health, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield <p>OR</p> <p>Accelerating Value-Based Care Transformation with an Enterprise Data Fabric</p> <p>Description: This session will highlight how Banner Health—one of the top health systems in the country—identified redundancies in its IT backbone, refined its data archival strategy, and streamlined applications with intelligence layers to reduce technology costs.</p> <p>The session will also provide a front-line perspective on how Banner deployed an integrated, comprehensive, interoperable data platform — an enterprise data lake to close care gaps and access actionable, data-driven insights aimed at improving care delivery.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Brooks, VP, Administrative, Population Health and Value-Based Care Services, Banner Health • Brian Silverstein, Chief Population Health Officer, Innovaccer, Inc.
<p>4:15 – 5:30 PM</p> <p>(When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)</p>	<p>HIMSS24 Exhibition Hall Open, with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions</p> <p>Description: Discover new technology and new solutions on a show floor made for health innovation. Experts are on hand to guide you to the next big idea that will help you conquer your greatest obstacles on your journey to creating a better tomorrow through health information and technology. Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS24 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Digital Health Technology Park, Patient Engagement 365, and more.</p> <p>Hill staff will be provided a list of organizations represented from their district where applicable.</p>
	<p>Dinner on your own, by PTS consistent with per diem</p>

Thursday, March 6, 2025

<p>7:00 – 8:30 AM</p>	<p>HIMSS Global Public Policy Breakfast</p>
-----------------------	----------------------------------------------------

	<p>Description: Join us at our marquee public policy event to hear HIMSS' public policy strategy for 2024 and hear from health IT's premier global thought leaders.</p> <p>Government Speakers (Pending)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDC Center for Forecasting and Outbreak Analytics • ARPA-H
8:30am – 3:00pm	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions with dozens of options to choose from each hour block. Below are just a sample of available choices</p>
8:30 – 9:30 AM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Using Biometrics to Address a Patient Misidentification Crisis Description: This panel discussion will address the challenges of patient misidentification and the growth of duplicate records in healthcare, which compromise patient safety and inflate costs. Panelists will explore factors that have contributed to the patient misidentification crisis, including mergers and acquisition, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the use of non-unique identifiers like names and birthdates, especially in large populations. Additionally, interoperability issues between healthcare systems and the inaccuracies in manual data entry are also a factor. Healthcare leaders from US hospitals will discuss their strategies to combat patient misidentification. Panelists will explain their approaches to patient identification – including the use of manual data like names and dates of birth for identification, as well as the use of biometric technologies like facial recognition and palm-vein scanning, and the pros and cons of different methods. They will explore challenges in creating unique patient identifiers and navigating privacy, compliance, and interoperability, and discuss the legislative implications of the Match IT Act, aimed at standardizing patient identification. The session will provide insights into best practices for improving patient identification accuracy, streamlining registration, and minimizing errors and their fallout.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sean Kelly, Chief Medical Officer and SVP, Customer Strategy, Healthcare, Imprivata • Eric Alper, SVP, Chief Quality Officer and Chief Clinical Informatics Officer, UMass Memorial Health • Michael Bouton, Chief Medical Information Officer, NYC Health and Hospitals <p>OR</p> <p>Reducing Clinician Burnout with AI-Driven Chatbot Integrated with EHR Systems Description: This session explores the successful implementation of an AI-driven chatbot designed to reduce the burden of clinicians in engaging assistance with their EHR support needs. Attendees will learn about the challenges encountered, best practices adopted and outcomes achieved. Key findings include substantial time savings in issue reporting and information retrieval, and increased user satisfaction. The presentation will also highlight how the success of this project has sparked interest in AI solutions across various hospital departments, leading to broader adoption. Future roadmap plans include integrating more generative AI capabilities to handle complex queries and provide proactive support. The take-home message emphasizes the transformative potential of AI-driven tools in optimizing healthcare workflows and improving overall productivity.</p> <p>Speakers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Dearing-Smith, Corporate Director, Clinical Applications and Support, Baptist Health Care • Mohammad Mohsin Khalid, CEO, Imperium Dynamics
9:45 – 10:45 PM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Revolutionizing Drug Development Through Strategic and Evidence-Driven Digital Health Innovations Description: Digital Health Technologies (DHTs) are currently being implemented in drug development and healthcare settings, ranging from regulatory endorsed to innovative exploratory technological development. As advancements in sensing technologies and their verified and validated use in effective clinical decision-making progress along with the necessary infrastructure to support their integration, we can expect a streamlined and more efficient integration of DHTs across various stages of drug development. This will support areas such as population identification/stratification, dose selection, collection of real-world data and real-world evidence, evidence for effectiveness and safety, and disease management. This session will include a panel discussion to help the audience gain a better understanding of existing applications and opportunities for DHTs in drug development and important considerations for their validation and/or endorsement by regulatory agencies depending on the development stage. The talks will explore diverse technological advancements within DHTs and their utilization across various stages and processes in drug development. Furthermore, we will delve into the synergistic use of DHTs in drug development and clinical care settings.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sakshi Sardar, Senior Director, Critical Path Institute • Kristen Sowalsky, VP, Product and Scientific Affairs, Clario • Fatta Nahab, Executive Director, Clinical and Digital Development, Neuron23 • Jeremy Wyatt, CEO, ActiGraph <p>OR</p> <p>Unlocking Virtual Care: A Collaborative Approach to Expansion and Success Description: Many health systems' journeys into wide-scale virtual care really began with the urgent need to respond to the pandemic. In this session, attendees will learn how one health system was able to streamline and standardize processes across their extensive network, encompassing over 100 locations, even extending care to rural schools. Their success lies in strategic collaboration between two key leaders who, together, prioritize new virtual care areas, demonstrate value, and ensure seamless integration with staff, patients, and stakeholders. Transitioning from decentralized efforts to a unified framework, this health system was able to achieve notable milestones such as significant time savings for nursing staff and securing grants for community-based care initiatives. This unified approach ensures sustainable growth and technological integration, delivering effective virtual care experiences to diverse communities within their reach.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Wilson, Senior Director, Health System Enterprise Growth Strategy, Teladoc Health • Carmen Clipper, VP, Planning and Growth, Valley Health System • Delores Gehr, Chief Nursing Officer and Director, Patient Care Services, Valley Health System, Warren Memorial Hospital

<p>10:45 AM – 12:45 PM</p> <p>(When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)</p>	<p>HIMSS24 Exhibition Hall Open, with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions</p> <p>Description: Discover new technology and new solutions on a show floor made for health innovation. Experts are on hand to guide you to the next big idea that will help you conquer your greatest obstacles on your journey to creating a better tomorrow through health information and technology. Experience thousands of health IT products and services on the HIMSS24 exhibit floor. Features the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, the Cybersecurity Command Center, Digital Health Technology Park, Patient Engagement 365, and more.</p> <p>Hill staff will be provided a list of organizations represented from their district where applicable.</p>
<p>11:45-12:45pm</p> <p>12:45 – 1:45 PM</p>	<p>Lunch Break - <i>**Meal on your own, by PTS consistent with per diem**</i></p> <p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Interoperability Compliance: Clinical Data Exchange and All the FHIR Jazz Description: Are you seeking guidance on how to comply with the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization Final Rule (CMS-0057)? A former National Coordinator for Health Information Technology and a program manager of an innovative private sector initiative comprised of industry leaders and health information technology technical experts who are working together to accelerate the adoption of HL7® FHIR® as the standard to support and integrate value-based care (VBC) data exchange across communities will discuss real world application of the implementation guides referenced in patient, provider, and payer-to-payer APIs. The presenters will outline how APIs interact with common payer and provider workflow challenges like risk, quality, prior authorization, so we can enable automation, streamline workflows and improve healthcare delivery.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don Rucker, Chief Strategy Officer, 1uphealth • Jocelyn Keegan, Program Manager, HL7 Da Vinci Project and Payer, Provider, Technology Practice Lead, Point-of-Care Partners <p>OR</p> <p>Revolutionizing Healthcare: How Shared Informatics is Transforming Clinical Practice Description: Get ready to be inspired! This session dives into the world of clinical and nursing informatics, unveiling the diverse team behind the tools that empower better care. We'll break down the different roles within this dynamic field, from the architects of electronic health records to the champions of clinical data analysis. Our secret weapon? Synergy! The combined power of the different informatics roles working together. We'll share real-life experiences of how a shared model approach has unleashed incredible results. Imagine a healthcare environment where staff feel more productive and valued, thanks to clear and effective collaboration. Clinical initiatives thrive with the combined expertise of the informatics team, and efficiency soars as information flows seamlessly across the healthcare system. By the end of this session, you'll be able to identify the key players in clinical and nursing informatics, understand how each role contributes to successful healthcare projects, and discover the power of a shared model for boosting performance and efficiency.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samantha McColley, Solution Architect Informatics Lead, Mayo Clinic

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camille York, Clinical Systems Specialist, Mayo Clinic • Abi Jireh Paraon, Project Specialist Informaticist, Mayo Clinic
2:00 – 3:00 PM	<p>Concurrent Education Sessions, such as (but not limited to):</p> <p>Know Thy Patient: AI/ML-Driven Clustering of Diabetes/Hypertension Populations Description: In Dallas County’s safety-net population, an AI/machine learning-driven unsupervised clustering algorithm identifies clusters of diabetic and hypertensive patients with a combination of social and clinical risk factors associated with suboptimal quality of care (e.g., inadequate of Hemoglobin A1C monitoring) and poor disease control. Clusters analyses uncover underlying, actionable risk drivers such as criminal justice involvement and immigration concerns that require innovative, culturally-responsive approaches for a sustainable engagement of these vulnerable populations into effective preventive care. Additional in-depth analyses identify missed and potential opportunities for care engagement that inform innovative workflow modifications leveraging traditional (e.g., EHR-based standing orders) and nontraditional (e.g., telehealth modalities and mobile units) approaches to effectively engage and support these vulnerable populations and improve health quality, outcomes and equity countywide. The data sets and analytical approaches are scalable and replicable to other vulnerable populations nationwide.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolande Pengetnze, VP, Clinical Leadership, Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation • Michael Lane, SVP, Chief Quality and Safety Officer, Parkland Health • Yusuf Tamer, Principal Data and Applied Scientist, Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation • Teresita Oaks, Director, Community Health Programs, Parkland Health <p>OR</p> <p>Advancing Your Organization's Healthcare Cybersecurity Posture Through Practical Cybersecurity Guidance Description: The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) Healthcare team has published cybersecurity guidance that addresses privacy and security concerns affecting the healthcare sector, ultimately advancing the cybersecurity posture of healthcare delivery organizations. In addition to healthcare, the NCCoE is actively producing guidance in other important technology spaces. This best practice session will provide an overview of NCCoE Healthcare guidance and will highlight other NCCoE projects and how their guidance can be applied within the Healthcare sector. In addition, attendees will gain an understanding of how NIST Frameworks and other standards play an integral role in the consolidation of NCCoE cybersecurity guidance.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronald Pulivarti, Healthcare, Program Manager, National Institute of Standards and Technology/NCCoE • Sue Wang, Principal Cybersecurity Engineer, NCCoE and The Mitre Corporation
3:30 – 4:45 PM	<p>Thursday PM Keynote: A Conversation with Simone Biles Description: Widely regarded as one of the greatest athletes of all time, Simone Biles’ accomplishments go well beyond being the most decorated gymnast globally. Known for her leadership on and off the floor, Simone is an</p>

	<p>advocate for mental health awareness, knowing all too well how everyday stressors can exert physical as well as emotional injury. Simone herself demonstrated the courage to “pause” from the demands of the 2020 Olympic Games, remove herself from competition, and focus on her own mental health and self-care. Her courage to place her health and well-being over her aspirations and ambitions resonates with so many in the health information and technology environment as well. In this HIMSS25 closing keynote conversation, prepare to be inspired by Simone’s global impact on how faith, family, passion, and perseverance has provided the tenacity to overcome everyday challenges.</p>
	<p>Conclusion of Conference</p>

****For any staffers extending trip at their own expense**

Friday, March 15th, 2024

--	--



ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CONGRESS

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Washington, DC 20515

February 28, 2025

Mr. Samuel Kaardal
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
364 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Kaardal:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, scheduled for March 3 to 6, 2025, sponsored by Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:amr

January 9th, 2025



Dear Mr. Kaardal,

I am pleased to extend this invitation for you to attend the **2025 HIMSS Global Health Conference and Exhibition** in Las Vegas, Nevada, taking place **March 3-6, 2025**. This unique educational opportunity will allow you to learn about the potential and the challenges for healthcare information and technology to help transform the global health ecosystem and reimagine health and wellness for everyone, everywhere. Consistent with Senate and House of Representatives ethics rules, HIMSS is extending to you an invitation to attend HIMSS25 for up to three nights during the conference, as your schedule and the congressional schedule permit.

HIMSS is a global advisor and thought leader and member-based society committed to reforming the global health ecosystem through the power of information and technology. As a mission-driven non-profit, HIMSS offers a unique depth and breadth of expertise in health innovation, public policy, workforce development, research, and analytics to advise global leaders, stakeholders, and influencers on best practices in health information and technology driven by health equity. Through our innovation engine, HIMSS delivers key insights, education and engaging events to healthcare providers, governments, and market suppliers, ensuring they have the right information at the point of decision.

The HIMSS Global Health Conference and Exhibition is one of the healthcare sector's leading conferences. HIMSS25 will include hundreds of highly vetted sessions from industry leaders, renowned keynote speakers, specialty programs to meet distinct needs, and hands-on preconference symposia and forums. Attendees include hospital executives, physicians, practice managers, nurses, pharmacists, and other healthcare providers, federal, state, and local government representatives, public health professionals, and technology vendors and market suppliers. To learn more about HIMSS24 please visit <https://www.himss.org/global-conference>. During the conference, you may be especially interested in participating in a range of policy discussions and exhibits, including the HIMSS Interop+Smart Experience Pavilion, AI Pavilion, Patient Engagement 365 Pavilion, Cybersecurity Command Center, Government Connections Plaza, and other educational opportunities.

550 W. Van Buren Street,
Suite 1110 Chicago, IL 60607
[himss.org](https://www.himss.org)

For over twenty years, HIMSS has offered paid educational opportunities for select policymakers and staff to attend the HIMSS Global Health Conference to learn about the policy issues and challenges of the system-wide adoption of health information and technology. Consistent with Senate and

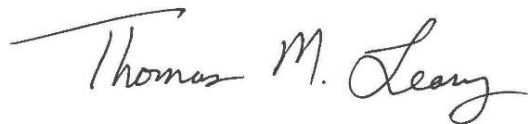
House ethics rules, HIMSS is extending an invitation to attend HIMSS25 for up to three days (72 hours, excluding travel time). HIMSS does not employ or engage a registered lobbyist or lobbying firm, nor do we serve as a foreign agent.

Upon acceptance of this invitation, we will provide the necessary documents to submit with your request for approval of privately sponsored travel to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics or the House Committee on Ethics, as applicable. **Requests must be submitted to ethics by COB February 3** (at least 30 days prior to travel). HIMSS will also provide instructions to book your travel in compliance with applicable ethics travel rules.

Opportunities to attend this unique educational event are limited, so if you will be able to attend we kindly ask that you R.S.V.P no later than January 24, 2025 to allow enough time to submit your request to the Ethics Committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Gray at David.gray@himss.org or 415-971-5524.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Thomas M. Leary, MA, CAE, FHIMSS

Senior Vice President and Head of Government Relations

Phone: 571.331.2486

Email: tom.leary@himss.org