

2024 Mid-Year Public Policy Update

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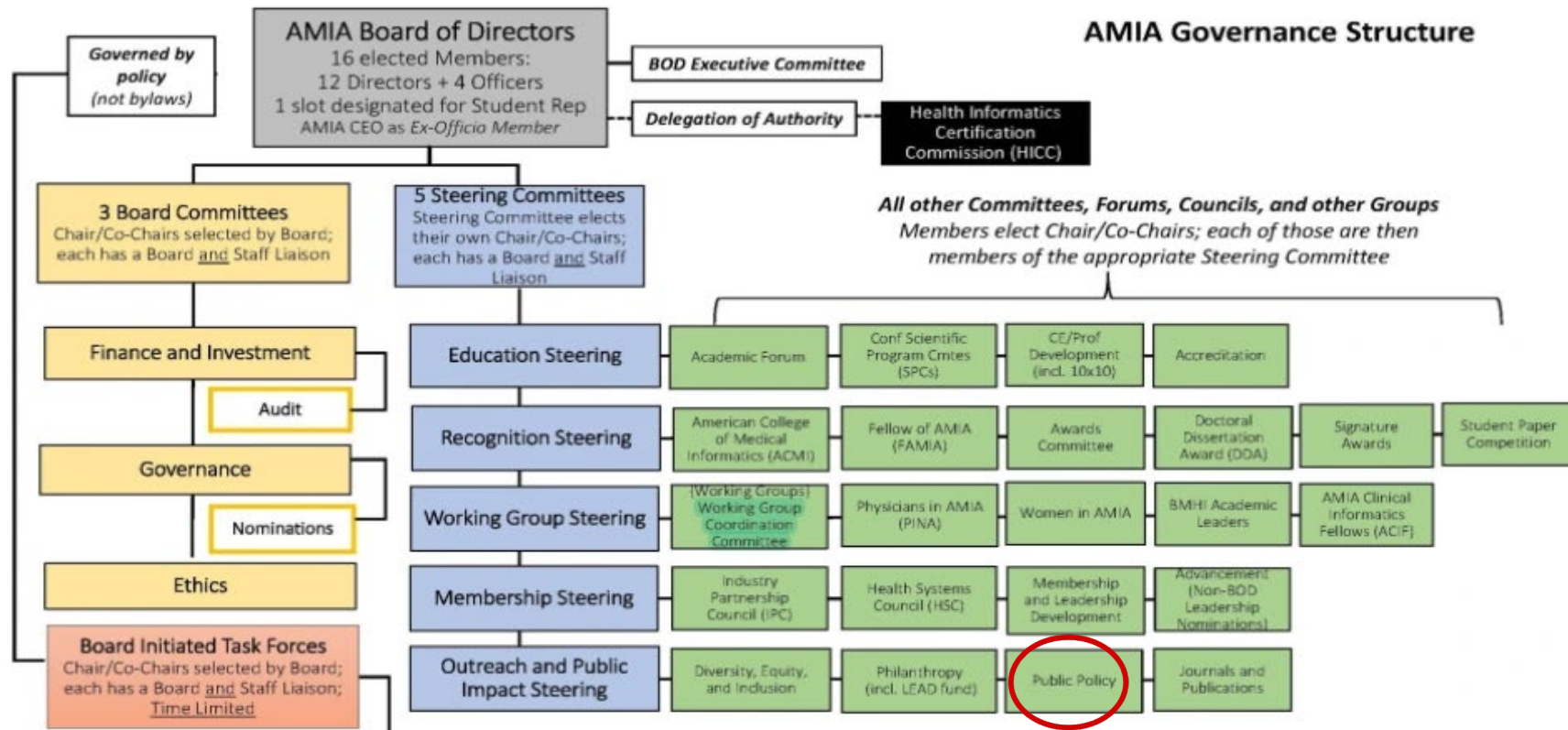


Agenda

- Public Policy Committee
- Policy North Stars & Relevant Projects
 - (1) Support the healthcare workforce by advancing the field of informatics and reducing burden on clinicians.
 - (2) Advocate for evidence-based care and decision-support through informatics, including through machine-learning and AI.
 - (3) Advocate for health IT solutions that ameliorate systemic biases and discrimination.
 - (4) Advocate for ongoing funding for the field, including Informatics research.
- AMIA's Inaugural Virtual Hill Day
- Policy Principles
- Policy Comments 2024
- Looking Ahead

Public Policy Committee (PPC)

AMIA Governance Structure



What does PPC Do?

- Manages AMIA's policy work to ensure AMIA has a united position that supports all members and advances Informatics as a whole.
- Identifies priority areas for AMIA's strategic advocacy engagement
- Drafts responses to requests for comments to advance AMIA positions
- Expands AMIA's network via participation in coalitions and other partnerships
- Hosts educational events for AMIA members and policy and law makers

(1) Support the healthcare workforce by advancing the field of informatics and reducing burden on clinicians.

25x5

- Policy brief(s) to advance 25x5's priorities re: documentation burden reduction
 - Eliminate burden, do not shift between clinicians or between clinicians and patients
 - Streamline redundancy issues
 - Allow data liquidity and improve data capture across clinical domains
 - Create better measurements of documentation burden
 - Eliminate prior authorization
- AHRQ Technical Brief
- Legislation
 - Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act
 - GOLD CARD Act
- Economic Impact of Doc Burden

Occupational Codes

Tentative schedule for revising the 2018 SOC for 2028

Event	Date
1st Federal Register notice soliciting public input	2024
SOCPC reviews public input, Federal agency input, and conducts own research; develops and forwards initial recommendations to OMB	TBD
2nd Federal Register notice with SOCPC initial recommendations to OMB	TBD
3rd Federal Register notice announcing the final 2028 SOC structure, and occupation codes and titles	2027
Federal statistical agencies implement 2028 SOC	Beginning 2028

The upcoming Washington Download will have an opportunity for all members to review and submit feedback on AMIA's comments.

(2) Advocate for evidence-based care and decision-support through informatics, including through machine-learning and AI.

Educating Federal Offices

- Hill Day
 - Transparency
 - Validate and Monitor
 - Minimize increase in burden
 - Work with clinical informaticians
- Bera RFI on the state of AI in Healthcare > SST
- Executive Branch –
ONC, FDA

Collaborations

- Harvard's Division of Clinical Informatics (DCI)
 - Toward Responsible AI Governance: Balancing Multi-Stakeholder Perspectives on AI in Healthcare
 - Towards Responsible AI in Healthcare – Getting Real About Real-World Data and Evidence
 - Toward a Responsible Future: Recommendations for AI-Enabled Clinical Decision Support
 - Towards a Multi-Stakeholder Process for Developing Responsible AI Governance in Consumer Health
- National Academy of Medicine (NAM)
- Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)

(3) Advocate for health IT solutions that ameliorate systemic biases and discrimination.

- Overlaps with North Star 2 currently due to AI focus

(4) Advocate for ongoing funding for the field, including Informatics research.

- Advocate for dollars to go towards AMIA priority initiatives:
 - AHRQ
- Support funding for:
 - ONC
 - NIH
 - AHRQ

AMIA's First Virtual Hill Day

AMIA's Virtual Folder for the Hill Day

- AMIA priorities
 - Reducing excess documentation burden
 - Responsible AI in Healthcare
- 22 AMIA members
- ~45 offices
 - District Representatives and state Senators
 - Reps and Senators on Committees of Jurisdiction
 - House E&C
 - House W&M
 - Senate HELP
 - Senate Finance
 - Leaders on topics of interest



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AMIA's 2024 Day on Capitol Hill

April 2 - 3  Virtual

AMIA looks forward to discussing how Informatics can help your office address issues in healthcare. We appreciate your attention to our priorities of improving access to quality care through reducing documentation burden and using AI in healthcare. We look forward to discussing our priorities with you April 2 and April 3.

AMIA is the professional home for more than 5,500 informatics professionals, representing frontline clinicians, researchers, public health experts, and educators who bring meaning to data, manage information, and generate new knowledge across the research and healthcare enterprise. As the voice of the nation's biomedical and health informatics professionals, AMIA plays a leading role in advancing health and wellness by moving basic research findings from bench to bedside, and evaluating interventions, innovations and public policy across care settings and patient populations. The AMIA 25x5 Task Force is working to reduce health professionals' documentation burden.

- [About AMIA](#)
- [AMIA Congressional Issue Brief: Reduce Documentation Burden](#)
- [AMIA Congressional Issue Brief: Responsible AI in Healthcare](#)

Additional Information

- [Learn more about AMIA's policy work](#)
- [Learn more about AMIA's 25x5 Task Force to Reduce Documentation Burden](#)

<https://amia.org/public-policy/amia-2024-day-capitol-hill>

Question?

For questions, please reach out to Reva Singh, Vice President Public Policy.

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Policy Principles

1. Patient empowerment
2. Health IT Safety
3. Workforce and Education
4. Data Sharing in Research
5. Health IT Standards & Interoperability
6. Informatics-Driven Quality Measurement
7. Population & Public Health
8. Health Data Privacy
9. AI Principles for Healthcare

1. AMIA Comments on 21st Century Cures Act: Establishment of Disincentives for Health Care Providers That Have Committed Information Blocking (*January 2*)
2. AMIA Signs onto Letter to Congress to Act on Telehealth (*February 26*)
3. AMIA Comments on AHRQ Documentation Burden Technical Brief (*March 15*)
4. AMIA Responds to NIH Strategic Plan for Data Science 2023-2028 RFI (*March 15*)
5. AMIA Recommendations for ONC's USCDI v5 (*April 15*)
6. AMIA Comments on Provisions Regarding Access to Americans' Bulk Sensitive Personal Data and Government-Related Data by Countries of Concern (*April 19*)
7. AMIA Signs onto Patient ID Now Letter to Repeal Section 510 (*April 22*)
8. AMIA Comments on Collection of Race and Ethnicity Data in Clinical Trials and Clinical Studies for FDA-Regulated Medical Products (*April 29*)
9. AMIA Responds to Rep. Bera's RFI on the State of AI in Healthcare (*May 6*)
10. AMIA Comments on ONC's 2024-2030 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan (*May 28*)

Policy Comments (Cont.)

11. AMIA Comments on Department of Labor's Solicitation to Update the Standard Occupation Classification System (SOC) – *coming soon*
12. NIH Public Access Policy – *coming soon*
13. CHAI Assurance Standards Guide and Reporting Checklist – *coming soon*
14. ONC HTI-2 Proposed Rule – *coming soon*

Looking Ahead

- AMIA Symposium
 - November 9-13, San Francisco, CA
 - Public Policy Update
 - 25x5 Task Force Progress at Opening Session
- **Participate with AMIA**
 - Educational webinars
 - Read Washington Download (released every other week)
 - **Federal regulatory comment opportunities**
 - **Soliciting more input and getting to know more members – fill out our form!**

**Questions?
Thank you!**

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