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RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Date/Time Stamp

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

HIMSS

Travel Dates:

March 11-13, 2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

n/a

Relationship to Traveler:

n/a

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$636.25	$256	$84.36	$1055 (waived) - Conference registration fee

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

4/11/24	Matthew Thomas	
Date	Printed Name of Traveler	Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

4/11/2024	
Date	Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

(•) Yes ( ) No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
Transportation, $450	$636.25	Travel costs higher than good faith estimate.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

( ) Yes (•) No

Explanation:

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

( ) Yes (•) No

Explanation:

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220.** Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Matthew Thomas

Employing Office/Committee:
Senate HELP Committee

Private Sponsor(s):
HIMSS

Destination(s):
Orlando, FL

Travel Dates:

3/11/24 - 3/13/24

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

Will use this trip to meet with stakeholders and get a better understanding of current technology being used to improve health data interoperability. Will also learn about current cybersecurity and privacy challenges impacting the health care sector and any role for Congress.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

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

2/12/24
Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

I Senator Bernard Sanders (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize Matthew Thomas (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

2/12/2024
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Trip Name: HIMSS24 Global Conference

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

○ Yes ◉ No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐ Private Foundation ☐ Public Charity

Address:

350 N. Orleans Street, S10000

City, State, Zip:

Chicago, IL 60654

Phone Number:

(312) 664-4467

Organization URL:

https://www.himss.org/

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

HIMSS holds a Global Conference annually, and invites congressional staff as well as federal, state, and local policy makers and officials for this unique learning experience. HIMSS began hosting congressional staff for our annual conference in 2007. HIMSS has brought congressional staff to every annual conference since at least 2014, with the exception of HIMSS20 which we unfortunately canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

HIMSS hosts educational briefings and round-tables with federal and state officials, and health IT experts focused on relevant health policy issues. These events are both on and off Capitol Hill, as well as virtually. We also host numerous workshops and smaller conferences across the country.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

◉ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

○ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

◉ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

○ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

☑ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

☑ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This is an educational experience to attend the HIMSS24 Global Health Conference and Exhibition for education, innovation, and collaboration on health information and technology.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

HIMSS is a global advisor and thought leader supporting the transformation of the health ecosystem through information and technology. As a mission driven non-profit, HIMSS brings expertise in health innovation, policy, workforce development, research and analytics to bring forward the voice of our members. This trip allows attendees to witness and learn firsthand about the rapidly evolving healthcare information and technology ecosystem.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

(●) Yes ( ) No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

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With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- (●) The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ( ) The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- [✓] The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- [✓] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [✓] No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ( ) The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ( ) The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ( ) The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- (●) No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principle, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Required if selecting the third option in either column - Please explain why the second overnight stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- [✓] Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- [✓] Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees list

- [✓] A list of all Senate invitees is attached to this form (required).
- [✓] Members and staff from the House of Representatives will also receive invitations.

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time: March 11, 2024 at

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Trip End Date/Time: March 13, 2024 at 6:58pm

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

○ Yes ◉ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: $450 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare roundtrip	Coach	$400
Uber or Taxi	Basic	$50

Details (optional)
Good faith estimate. Ubers/taxis are intended for use to/from the airports

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: $256 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
3/11/24	3/13/24	Rosen Plaza	Orlando	FL	USA

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.
2	$128	No	

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: $ $172 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
3/11/24			$34		$34	Orlando	FL	USA	N
3/12/24	$15	$20	$34		$69	Orlando	FL	USA	N
3/13/24	$15	$20	$34		$69	Orlando	FL	USA	N

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Staffers will be responsible for their own meals during conference, and will be reimbursed up to the maximum federal per diem rate.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: $ 1055 Accompanying Family Member: $_____)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Conference Registration, Government Rate	$1055	Fee Waived

Additional Details (optional)

All registration fees are waived for congressional staff

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: HIMSS24 Global Conference

Travel Date(s): Conference Runs March 11-15

Travel Destination(s): Orlando, FL

Sponsor: HIMSS

Thomas M Leary — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

SVP, Head of GR, HIMSS — *(title)*

_____ — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

_____ — *(date)*

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January 30th, 2024

Dear Mr. Thomas

I am pleased to extend this invitation for you to attend the **2024 HIMSS Global Health Conference and Exhibition** in Orlando, Florida, taking place **March 11-15, 2024**. 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 HIMSS24 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. HIMSS24 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 articipating in a range of policy exhibits and discussions, including the HIMSS Interoperability Showcase, Patient Engagement 365 Pavilion, Cybersecurity Command Center, Government Connections Plaza, Innovation Hub, Startup Park, and other educational opportunities.

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For over fifteen years, HIMSS has offered paid educational opportunities for select policymakers 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 HIMSS24 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 12** (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 February 8, 2024 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,

Thomas M. Leary

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Senior Vice President and Head of Government Relations
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List of Senate Invites

Christina	McCauley	Sen. Cortez Masto
Jane	Bigham	Senate HELP Committee
Gabrielle	Schechter	Sen. Schatz
Erin	Doty	Sen. Bennet
Sarah	Schmidt	Sen. Thune
Gable	Brady	Senate Finance Committee
Matthew	Thomas	Senate HELP Committee
Kripa	Sreepada	Senate Finance Committee
Aliza	Silver	Senate HELP Committee
Mary	Moody	Senate HELP Committee
Calli	Shapiro	Sen. Lujan
Martha	Cramer	Sen. Cardin
Rachel	Fybel	Sen. Smith
Audrey	Smith	Sen. Manchin
Conor	Sheehey	Senate Finance Committee
Brian	Newbold	Senate VA Committee
Colleen	Nguyen	Sen. Warner
Kendyl	Willox	Sen. Wicker
Audrey	Arbogast	Sen. Romney
Samantha	Koehler	Sen. Kaine
Marisa	Salemme	Senate Finance Committee

Congressional Staff Agenda
Location: Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL
March 11-15, 2024
Access Full Conference Information here: HIMSS24
All times are Eastern Time (ET).

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

Monday, March 11th, 2024

11:29pm	**Flight JB2523 lands in MCO**

Tuesday, March 12th, 2024

8:30 – 10:00 AM	**Tuesday AM Keynote: Personalizing the Patient Experience: Harnessing the Power of AI to Drive Real Transformational Change** **Description:** With a focus on reducing administrative burdens, increasing operational efficiencies, and leveraging data to deliver better patient care, healthcare organizations are adopting technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, and advanced analytics capabilities so that clinical staff can focus more on care delivery. Critical in today's healthcare environment, leadership must identify ways to deliver value that improves their overall decision-making approach while personalizing the patient's experience. By doing so, organizations can realize a competitive advantage needed to drive true transformational change. In this HIMSS24 opening keynote, Robert Garrett, CEO of Hackensack Meridian Health, will share his vision and strategies that place next generation tools like artificial Intelligence into the hands of experienced clinicians that positively impacts patient care. The result? A potential game-changer for our nation's healthcare system while potentially revolutionizing how we deliver and receive care.
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (When not at educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)	**HIMSS24 Exhibition Hall Open, with live technology demonstrations, presentations, and education sessions** **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. Hill staff will be provided a list of organizations represented from their district where applicable.
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (When not at concurrent educational sessions or for non-scheduled time)	**Interoperability Showcase** **Description:** Enter the reimagined Interoperability Showcase® for live, real-life experiences from interoperability champions demonstrating standards-based solutions within both clinical and technical settings.
10:30am – 5:15pm	**Concurrent Education Sessions** with dozens of options to choose from each hour block. Below are just a sample of available choices

	Note: Staff are expected to go to an education session during the education session times
10:30 – 11:30 AM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Advancing Health Equity: EMS Data's Promise, Pitfalls and Healthcare Value** **Description:** This panel will discuss a multi-state collaboration to enable the sharing of EMS data with the broader healthcare ecosystem, focusing on improving the quality of health equity-related demographic data through education, culture change, and best practices for data collection. Sharing findings from interviews with EMS clinicians will highlight barriers to accurate demographic data collection. Panelists will describe the development and customization of two training modules designed to improve understanding of health disparities. The session will conclude with potential applications for high-quality EMS data, including disparity tracking and reduction, and real-time public health surveillance. Speakers: • Jason Fair, Project Manager, Medically Home • Sam Hurley, Director, Maine Emergency Medical Services • Samantha Iovan, Sr. Project Manager, Center for Health and Research Transformation **OR** **Data to Delivery: Generative AI's Role in Global Healthcare Innovation** **Description:** Drawing on global implementation success stories, this session will explore the transformative role of Generative AI on the healthcare frontline. From revolutionizing healthcare processes, to enabling proactive and personalized healthcare strategies, and enhancing population health management, the potential of LLMs to transform traditional practice, now and in the future, is vast. Finally, engage in lively discussion on how to navigate the key governance, safety, and ethical considerations of AI, without curbing innovation. Delve into the implications of Europe's groundbreaking AI Act and compare it with regulatory developments in the US. Speakers: • Dom Pimenta, CEO, TORTUS • Harvey Castro, CEO, Medical Intelligence Ops • Kira Radinsky, CEO and CTO, Diagnostic Robotics • Shankar Sridharan, Chief Clinical Information Officer, Great Ormond Street Hospital
12:00 – 1:00 PM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Readmissions** **Description:** Preventing the occurrence of hospital readmissions is a key factor in improving outcomes, quality of care, and population health across the continuum of care. Hospitals are held accountable for improving transitions of care to avoid unnecessary readmissions as outlined by CMS guidelines. Speakers: • Emily Burdin, Vice President, Digital Transformation and Performance, Optum (serving Norther Light Health) • Jennifer Fogel, Vice President, Chief Nursing Informatics Officer, Optum (supporting Norther Light Health)

	OR **Navigating the Nexus: Unraveling Healthcare Cybersecurity Policies and Intersecting Forces** **Description:** Explore the intricate landscape of healthcare cybersecurity policies in this session, delving into global regulatory frameworks and compliance standards. Beyond defense strategies, discover the collaborative forces between government agencies and the private sector, shaping the future of healthcare data protection. Join us for a concise yet insightful journey at the crossroads of policy, technology, and patient safety in the digital age. Speakers: • Charles Sweat Jr., MD, MPH, Healthcare and Public Health Sector Liaison, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) • Emilie Passemard, Health of Legal Affairs, Ministerial Delegation for Digital Health, French Ministry of Health • La Monte Yarborough, Acting Deputy CIO and CISO, U.S. Department of HHS
1:30 – 2:30 PM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Addressing t the Gaps in Digital and Telehealth Equity Through Strategy** **Description:** There is a strong connection between the populations that experience barriers in access to broadband and are digitally illiterate, and those who have a higher prevalence of and premature mortality from chronic health conditions. This session will explore ways in which the health system has addressed the gaps and helped overcome barriers. Speakers: • Alexandra Hunter, Virtual Care Consultant, Henry Ford Health OR **Driving Innovation in LTPAC: A Guide for Technology Prioritization** **Description:** In this presentation, representatives from our HIMSS LTPAC Committee will share this tool, their experiences, and some specific use cases examples with the tool. Hear from these subject matter experts, who are leading the transformation process in their organizations. Although these experiences are post-acute specific, the lessons learned can be applied across the entire spectrum of healthcare. Join the discussion during the Q & A section and, even more importantly, use the tool after returning to work next week. In this way, we hope to encourage implementation and optimization of appropriate technologies in every care organization. In the process, we hope to improve healthcare everywhere. Speakers: • David Collins, Sr. Manager, Home & Community Services, VCU Health System • Michelle Dougherty, Sr. Manager and Health Informaticist, RTI International • Bob Latz, CIO, Trinity Rehabilitation Services
3:00 – 4:00 PM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Attracting and Retaining Future Physicians Requires Technological Innovation** **Description:** Panelists will share tactical strategies that encompass methods such as monitoring processes, insightful stay interviews, and the integration of new technologies to not only reduce physician burnout but also support retention efforts. The panel will also address the ongoing challenge of the physician shortage and the gap between physician recruiters and decision-makers and will suggest potential

	pathways to mitigate these challenges. Speakers: • Allan Cacanindin, VP, Executive & Provider Recruitment, SSM Health • Carey Goryl, CEO, Association for Advancing Physician and Provider Recruitment • JT Thoms, National Account Executive, Jackson & Coker LocumTenens • Marjorie Alexander-Vermeulen, Managing Director, Clinical Recruitment and Candidate Experience, ChenMed OR **How AI-Driven SDOH Analytics Drives Improved Care for Vulnerable Populations** **Description:** In this presentation, Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth, vice president, Social Determinants of Health for Hackensack Meridian Health, and Jean-Claude Saghbini, CTO, Lumeris, will discuss ways to leverage AI—from predictive analytics to machine learning to generative AI—to avoid bias and improve health outcomes for vulnerable populations. They will also explain the importance of embedding nontraditional healthcare data and analytics in initiatives designed to improve health in high-needs populations. Speakers: • Jean-Claude Saghbini, CTO, Lumeris • Nicole Harris-Hollingsworth, VP, Social Determinants of Health, Hackensack Meridian Health
4:15 – 5:15 PM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Aligning Perspectives - Adapting AI to Healthcare** **Description:** Modern medical practice and care delivery are a constant state of transition between patient demands, policy changes, technological advancements, and provider limitations. . .so the question is "Can AI support these changes?" Bringing together those areas of focus requires a diversified team, which in this panel from Lenovo & Intel have done. Speakers: • Dr. Robert Groves, EVP and CMO, Banner|Aenta • Dr. Jim Whitfill, SVP and Chief Transformation Officer, HonorHealth • Dr. Scott Fowler, President & CEO, Holston Medical Group • Nathan Bays, Healthcare M&A, Citi • Paul Battle, Executive Director, US Corporate and Healthcare, Lenovow OR **Center for Virtual Care Value and Equity** **Description:** This presentation will present existing equity and financial models built by the ViVE team, discuss current health equity challenges in virtual care, offer insights into current gaps in policy for equity and value, and call for engagement and participation from HIMSS members in expert panel review sessions after the conference. The panelists represent diverse fields including academic medicine, public health and health policy. The panelists will share their expertise and experiences around the ability to provide care to patients who may not have access to traditional healthcare services. Speakers: • David McSwain, Chief Medical Information Officer, UNC Health • Yael Harris, CEO, Laurel Health Advisors, LLC

5:00 – 6:00pm	**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! ***HIMSS will not provide alcohol to congressional staff**
	Dinner on your own

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

7:00 – 8:30 AM	**HIMSS Global Public Policy Breakfast** **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. Speakers: • Greg Singleton, Chief AI Officer, U.S. Department of HHS • Heather Evans, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing, ITA, U.S. Department of Commerce
8:30am – 5:00pm	**Concurrent Education Sessions** with dozens of options to choose from each hour block. Below are just a sample of available choices **Note: Staff are expected to go to an education session during the education session times**
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8:30 – 9:30 AM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Global Strategies to Advance Workforce Sustainability and Resilience** **Description:** This presentation describes a global partnership with leaders from the U.S., Canada, South Korea and Australia working to advance workforce sustainability strategies and quality of digital work environments for global health systems. The partners are examining key features of quality of digital work environments relative to workforce health, retention, turnover and resilience. Cross-comparison of country context and workforce sustainability will strengthen learning across global health systems to advance and strengthen workforce

	resilience and sustainability. Speakers: • Anne Snowdon, Director, Office of Scientific Research, HIMSS • Meong Hi Son, Chief Medical Information Officer, Samsung Medical Center OR **Innovative Technology for Equitable Healthcare in Underserved Populations** **Description:** This proposal addresses persistent cardiovascular health disparities in underserved communities in the United States. By incorporating affordable, cutting-edge AI technology and community engagement, the program aims to identify and refer patients with undiagnosed chronic heart disease. The study involved free screenings at community centers in Louisiana using a portable AI-driven cardiac disease detection platform. Speaker: • V. Antoine Keller, Cardiovascular, Thoracic, and Endovascular Surgeon, HeartSense
10:00 – 11:00 am	**Congressional Forum: Digital Health Policy in the 118th Congress** **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 2024. 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. Speakers (pending): • Conor Sheehey, Finance Committee, U.S. Senate • Marisa Salemme, Finance Committee, U.S. Senate • Matthew Thomas, HELP Committee, U.S. Senate • Meagan Thompson, Office of Rep. Kelly, U.S. House of Representatives • Brian Fahey, Office of Rep. Guthrie, U.S. House of Representatives • Una Lee, Energy and Commerce Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Validating Whole Health Program Maturity in a Health System** **Description:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has embarked on a transformational journey toward a Whole Health System, led by VHA's Office of Patient Centered Care and Cultural Transformation. This whole health approach is one that transforms VA from delivering a reactive disease-based model of care to a system of care that focuses on whole-person–centered preventive care with an emphasis on "what matters most" to veterans. The speakers will share their experiences on: developing and implementing a recognition program that is intended to validate the maturity of Whole Health across the VHA, fostering knowledge transfer, identifying best practices and advancing cultural transformation. Speakers: • Andrew David, Lead, Health Practice and Systems, MITRE • Lorraine Berko, Lead, Health Program Analysis and Transformation, MITRE • Todd Houck, Associate Director, Operations, VHA Office of Patient

	Centered Care and Cultural Transformation OR **Global Perspectives on Digital Literacy of Citizens and the Workforce** **Description:** As digital transformation of healthcare takes center stage, it is clear that the key to successful implementation is not the latest digital systems, tools or solutions, but rather the human factor; engaging with users, and supporting digital health literacy of citizens, patients and the healthcare workforce. This session will take a deep dive into key perspectives from across Europe, from the macro policy level, down to individual citizen digital inclusion initiatives, and examine the important intersection of digital literacy with health equity, patient engagement, preventative care, and the evolving role of healthcare professionals supporting patients in managing their own health. We will also touch on regional standards and competency frameworks, to address skill gaps in the workforce and ensure clinical pre-graduate curriculums include adequate digital health content. Speakers: • Aisha Hasan, Head of Global Health IT, ONC, HHS • Helen Caton-Peters, Digital Health Technical Advisor, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems, WHO-Europe • Sarah Wamala Andersson, Professor of Health and Welfare, Mälardalen University, Sweden • Tamara Sunbul, Medical Director of Clinical Informatics, John Hopkins Aramco Healthcare
1:00 - 2:15 PM	**HIMSS Staff Led Tour of the Interoperability Showcase** on areas of interest to federal policymakers
2:30 – 3:30 PM	**Combatting Counterfeit Drugs and the Drug Supply Chain Security Act** **Description:** Counterfeit drugs found in the healthcare supply chain are rising and pose a significant risk to patient safety. Those containing no active ingredients may be just as dangerous as those containing contaminants. At best, such medications do not treat the ailments they purport to treat. At worse, they contain toxic ingredients that can kill patients. Healthcare executives need a cohesive strategy to monitor the pharmaceutical supply chain from manufacturing all the way to patient administration. This session will explore the FDA's Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) that recently went into effect, and how current and emerging technologies are addressing pain points throughout the entire supply chain. Attendees will learn about the findings of an end-to-end pharmaceutical supply chain pilot study conducted by The Axia Institute, that included 16 industry participants across major pharmaceutical manufacturers, wholesalers, dispensers and technology providers. Speakers: • Gee Mathen, Director, Application and Technical Services, Pharmacy Financial Services, and Pharmacy Inventory, Texas Children's Hospital • John Wirthlin, Principle Owner, Tip of the Spear Consulting OR **Bridging the Digital Divide: How Technology Can Improve Community Health** **Description:** The presentation emphasizes the importance of understanding patients and consumers to engage them effectively in their health journey. By diversifying the technology offerings, the health system aims to address the needs of various populations, including those with limited digital literacy or access to smartphones. Memorial Hermann, as the largest not-for-profit health system in

	Greater Houston, shares its efforts to harness technology to reach patients. The presentation also highlights early outcomes, such as reduced no-show rates and increased engagement with patients, showcasing the potential impact of these digital initiatives. Memorial Hermann's commitment to providing services in multiple languages reflects the system's dedication to serving a diverse population. Speakers: • Eric Smith, Chief Digital Officer, Memorial Hermann Health System
4:00 – 5:00 PM	**Concurrent Education Sessions:** **Opening the Digital Front Door to Transform Outpatient Care** **Description**: This session will explore how a community health system in Arlington, Virginia, designed and implemented a transformed, concierge-like, digitally-enabled patient experience as part of its new outpatient pavilion. The efforts helped eliminate waste, advance quality and safety, and reduce costs for patients. Speakers will share early results from the first six months of operation, as well as key challenges, lessons learned around IT and operational change management, and useful success metrics. Speakers: • Mary Sirois, Managing Director, Nordic • Mike Mistretta, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer, VHC Health OR **A Hitchhiker's Guide to Combatting Clinician Burnout** **Description:** In the healthcare industry, the epidemic of burnout among doctors and nurses has become a pressing issue, fueled by increasing workloads, long hourssdf, and administrative tasks that leave little time for personal life. Clinical documentation, a crucial aspect of healthcare, has added to the burden, leading to frustration and detachment from patient care. SSM Health combats this problem by leveraging AI-powered technologies to automate clinical documentation and rehumanize every clinical engagement. Through their innovative approach, SSM Health aims to optimize clinician time, enhance patient outcomes, improve experiences, and create a sustainable and compassionate healthcare environment for all. Speakers: • Ann Cappellari, Chief Medical Information Officer, SSM Health
6:58pm	**Flight AA 589 departs from MCO**