RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building.**This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

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:
03/09/2026 to 03/10/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$900.00	$693.00	$150.00	$1,690.00

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.

3/27/2026
Date

Kei Helm
Printed Name of Traveler

Kei Helm
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.

3/27/2026
Date

Edward J. Markey
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
Lodging	$693.00	The hotel rate ended up being under the federal per diem rate of $179 and was $99 per night.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: Mr. Helm attended the Interoperability & HIE Forum rather than the AI In Healthcare Forum as the Interoperability forum better aligned with Mr. Helm's priorities: the intersection of technology, policy, and clinical practice to create truly connected healthcare experiences using open standards that empower patients, providers, and payers.

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

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.



January 19, 2025

Dear Mr. Helm,

On behalf of the HIMSS Government Relations Team, we are honored to invite you extend this invitation for you to attend the 2026 HIMSS Global Health Conference and Exhibition in Las Vegas, Nevada, taking place March 9-12, 2026.

As the largest U.S.-based healthcare conference and a premier global convening of leaders across the health ecosystem, HIMSS26 will gather more than 25,000 professionals, including clinicians, policymakers, health system executives, and technology innovators. The Opening Keynote is a signature event, expected to draw 7,000–8,000 attendees, and offers an influential platform to share your vision for the future of healthcare.

HIMSS26 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 HIMSS26 please visit https://www.himssconference.com/

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.

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 9 (at least 30 days prior to travel). HIMSS will also provide instructions to book your travel in compliance with applicable ethics travel rules.

If you are able to accept our invitation, we respectfully request a reply by January 26, 2026, to support planning for travel logistics. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lovina John at ljohn@himss.org or 845-775-7195. Thank you for considering our invitation.

Thomas M Leary

Thomas M Leary, MA, CAE, FHIMSS

Senior Vice President and Head of Government Relations

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

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.

Date/Time Stamp
2/9/2026
12:36PM

Name of Traveler:
Kei Helm

Employing Office/Committee:
MARKEY, EDWARD

Private Sponsor(s):
HIMSS

Destination(s):
Las Vegas, Nevada

Travel Dates:
03/09/2026 to 03/10/2026
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.

Sen. Markey is a leader on issues related to health care and technology, and I cover the Senator's health care portfolio. Attending the HIMSS conference is an opportunity to not only learn and gain insights into the emerging issues at the intersection of health care and technology, but also to connect with new partners in the field to inform legislative action.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

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

2/9/2026
Date

Kei Helm
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 Edward J. Markey
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Kei Helm
(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)

2/9/2026
Date

Edward J. Markey
Signature of Supervising Senate Officer

HIMSS: HIMSS26 Global Health Conference & Exhibition

Kei Helm

Title:
Legislative Assistant

Employing Office/Committee:
MARKEY, EDWARD

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Las Vegas, Nevada

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
HIMSS

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
○ Yes ● No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
N/A

Address
4300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 510

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
Arlington, Virginia 22203 United States

Phone Number
845.775.7195

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

HIMSS hosts an annual Global Health Conference and Exhibition and invites congressional staff, along with federal, state, and local policymakers and officials, to participate in this unique educational experience. HIMSS began hosting congressional staff at its annual conference in 2007 and has done so consistently since at least 2014. The only exception was HIMSS20, which was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Educational Activities

HIMSS conducts year-round educational activities to advance the effective use of information and technology to improve health and healthcare outcomes. These activities include in-person and virtual conferences, educational sessions, webinars, workshops, and roundtables focused on health IT policy, interoperability, cybersecurity, data governance, artificial intelligence, patient engagement, and workforce development. HIMSS also develops research, policy briefs, thought leadership, and convenings that bring together healthcare leaders, policymakers, technologists, and clinicians to share best practices and insights that support informed decision-making across the global health ecosystem.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☑ 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.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

HIMSS26 Global Health Conference & Exhibition 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. In addition to the hundreds of education sessions throughout HIMSS26, the conference provides the opportunity to interact with, and learn about, real-world applications of healthcare technologies.

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, and understand how policy impacts the use of technologies that improve care, expand access, and lower healthcare costs.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.

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

- [x] 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

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] 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

- [ ] 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.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- 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

- Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
03/08/2026 @ 10:31 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
03/10/2026 @ 07:10 AM

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

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $900.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$800.00

Note
HIMSS Meeting & Travel Guidelines require that you not to exceed $800 USD for North American flights. Staffers are working with travel agency to book travel and will be updated when confirmed

Ground Transportation	N/A	$100.00

Note
Estimated cost for ride share/taxi to/from airports

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $159.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
03/08/2026	03/09/2026	Caesars Palace	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	1	$159.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $150.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
03/08/2026	$0.00	$23.00	$36.00	$5.00	**$64.00**	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	No
03/09/2026	$22.00	$23.00	$36.00	$5.00	**$86.00**	Las Vegas	Nevada	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,690.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Conference Fees	$1,195.00	Conference registration government rate, waived
Conference Fees	$495.00	Pre conference forum fee waived

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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: HIMSS26 Global Health Conference & Exhibition

Travel Date(s): March 9th to March 12th, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, Nevada

Sponsor: HIMSS

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

SVP & Head of Govt Relations — *(title)*

Thomas M. Leary Digitally signed by Thomas M. Leary Date: 2026.01.28 11:01:56 -05'00' — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

01/28/2026 — *(date)*

Senate Invites

Name	
Brittany Brignac	Sen. Rounds
Jacquelyn Gulshen	Sen. Mullin
Matthew Thomas	Senate HELP
Nimit Jindal	Senate HELP
Harshman Sihra	Senate HELP
Kathryn Handler	Senate HELP
Kei Helm	Sen. Markey
Amelie D'Hers	Sen. Markey
Emily Park	Senate HSGAC
Ilona Bodnar	Senate HSGAC
Erin Doty	Sen. Bennet
Sanju Sivaan	Sen. Cortez Maestro
Colleen Nguyen	Sen. Warner

House Invites

Name	
Reggie Darby	House Veteran's Affairs Committee
Caleb Parada	House Veteran's Affairs Committee
Joshua Hardy	House Veteran's Affairs Committee
John Harry	House Veteran's Affairs Committee
Kassie Stagner	House Veteran's Affairs Committee
Michelle Galdamez	Rep. Kelly
Alex DeRiso	Rep. Balderson
Jackie Weinrich	Rep. Matsui
Anisa Alazraie	Rep. Lieu
Ashley Strobel	Rep. Obernolte
Addison Porter	Rep. Miller
Will Burns	Rep. Obernolte
Tania Calle	Rep. Underwood
Caroline Paris-Behr	Rep. Underwood
David Steury	Rep. DeGette
Mahogany	Rep. Horsford (NV)
Richard	Rep. Amodei (NV)
Anna Moeller	Rep. Titus (NV)
Liz Beltran	Rep. Carter
Isrrael Garcia	Rep. Aguilar
Michelle Paucar	Rep. Schakowsky
Sequoia Ragland	Rep. Veasy
Jacquelyn Bolen	House E&C
Jay Gulshen	House E&C
Sarah Levin	House W&M
Laney O'Shea	Rep. Conaway
Ari Kirsh	House W&M
JP Moreland	Rep. Kelly

Samantha Warren	Rep. Foster
Adam Durand	Rep. Thompson
Tyler Adams	Rep. Thompson
Steven Szucs	Rep. Garbarino HCHS
Alexandra Seymour	Rep. Garbarino HCHS
Caroline Tucker	Rep. Buchanan
Ross Johnston	Rep. Kustoff
Elizabeth Arevalo, Sofia	Rep. Leger Fernandes

Congressional Staff Agenda: Kei Helm
Location: The Venetian Convention & Expo Center, Caesars Forum, and Wynn Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
March 9-12, 2026
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Sunday March 8th, 2026			
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Monday, March 9th			
Time	**Title**	**Description**	**Speakers**
08:30 AM - 08:40 AM	Welcome to the 2026 AI in Healthcare Forum: Opening Remarks	This session sets the stage for a forward-looking discussion on how artificial intelligence is reshaping care delivery, clinical decision-making, public health, and operational efficiency across the healthcare ecosystem. Leaders from across the industry will outline the opportunities, risks, and policy considerations that will define the next phase of AI adoption. Join us as we explore how responsible, equitable, and secure AI implementation can accelerate innovation, strengthen the workforce, and improve health outcomes worldwide.	Graham Walker Emergency Physician / Co-Director of Advanced Development The Permanente Medical Group, Inc.
8:40 AM to 9:15 AM	How Mass General Brigham Embeds AI Safety and Security into Healthcare's DNA	Healthcare leaders know AI's potential—but how do you actually implement it safely across a complex health system? From establishing robust data governance frameworks to navigating strategic vendor partnerships, learn how MGB Digital integrates AI into existing workflows, builds organizational AI literacy, and creates governance structures that empower clinical teams.	Jane Moran Chief Information and Digital Officer Mass General Brigham

		Discover the tactical blueprint that transforms AI into measurable healthcare outcomes—and see why getting the foundation right is the difference between meaningful impact and missed opportunities.	
9:20 AM to 9:35 AM	Multi-Modal AI Models in Healthcare: Toward Integrated Clinical Reasoning and Disease Prediction	The conversation will touch on the practical challenges and strategic opportunities of deploying such systems in large academic medical centers. This session moves beyond theory to focus on the practical building blocks of trustworthy AI. Attendees will learn about scaling challenges, the critical value of local model validation, and the infrastructure needed for integrated diagnostic intelligence, providing a practical roadmap for digital health leaders, data scientists, clinicians, and executives.	Peter McCaffrey Chief AI Officer UTMB Galveston Okan Ekinci Global Head of Digital Technology & CMIO at Roche Diagnostics Roche Diagnostics
9:40 AM to 10:25 AM	From Hype to Reality: Guiding Leadership Through AI Transformation	This session exposes persistent misconceptions slowing healthcare AI progress. Meet truth-tellers who've replaced magical thinking with measurable outcomes. Discover which solutions actually deliver and which waste resources. Develop frameworks for evaluating AI investments and learn how successful leaders incentivize physician adoption without forcing change. Walk away with a practical playbook for separating hype from reality and specific tactics for meaningful organizational adoption.	Amy Zolotow Senior Fellow, Thomas F. Frist, Jr. College of Medicine Belmont University Michael Archuleta Chief Information Officer Mt. San Rafael Hospital Michael Hasselberg Chief Transformation and Digital Officer Nebraska Medicine Roberta Schwartz Executive Vice President and

			Chief Innovation Officer Houston Methodist Tanay Tandon Chief Executive Officer Commure
10:50 AM to 11:20 AM	The New AI Operating Model for Healthcare	This session equips health systems with an actionable AI foundation and a practical maturity roadmap. We'll move from use-case silos to platform thinking, explain why data readiness is often overestimated, and define Responsible AI guardrails for safe, scalable adoption. Attendees will leave with clear steps to assess maturity, prioritize investments, and operationalize a governed, extensible AI layer that works across any technology stack—accelerating clinical, operational, and patient experience outcomes.	Andrew Truscott Global Health Technology Lead Accenture David Rhew, M.D. Global Chief Medical Officer Microsoft Tripti Sethi Global Data & AI Client Solutions Lead Avanade
11:35 AM to 12:10 PM	The Culture Code for Human-Centered AI: Building Trust and Literacy in Healthcare	Examine how healthcare organizations can build AI literacy and establish clear permission frameworks that give healthcare professionals the knowledge, authority, and confidence to integrate AI safely into daily workflows. Learn to design cultural transformation strategies, create psychological safety for AI experimentation, establish governance structures that promote transparency and accountability, and develop training protocols that empower frontline staff to embrace AI as a care enhancement tool.	Brian Spisak Senior Partner & Program Director of AI and Leadership Csuite Growth Advisors & Harvard University Guido Giunti Chief Data Officer St. James Hospital Brian Weirich Chief Nursing Innovation Officer Bon Secours Mercy Health Shawn Isinhue

			Global Head of Business Value Services Moveworks Heather Costa Director of Technology Resilience Mayo Clinic
	Lunch on own		
1:00 PM to 1:45 PM	Leveling the Playing Field: How Rural and Community Hospitals Gain Access to Game-Changing Technology	In this fireside chat, hear directly from a clinical founder, a community hospital CEO, and a venture studio leader who came together to create a unique partnership that connected innovation from an MIT spinout lab with a frontline hospital serving rural and underserved patients in New Mexico. This session explores real-world strategies for democratizing healthcare technology, overcoming implementation challenges, and ensuring that geographic location doesn't determine quality of care.	Brian Spisak Senior Partner & Program Director of AI and Leadership Csuite Growth Advisors & Harvard University Raj Shah Chief Executive Officer GuideAI Health Scott Perryman Interim Chief Executive Officer Three Crosses Regional Hospital Laura Edell Chief Innovation and Technology Officer and Senior Partner C-Suite Growth Advisors
1:50 PM to 2:05 PM	Care Isn't Broken: The Work Surrounding Care Is	Join us for this session as we explore how forward-thinking healthcare organizations are using AI differently. AI agents handle credentialing so HR can focus on people. Workflows connect departments seamlessly, driving operational efficiency. Security and	Michael Vipond Head of Healthcare Provider Go to Market ServiceNow

		compliance run constantly in the background. This is healthcare's biggest untapped opportunity. Not algorithms that replace doctors, but AI platforms that empower every doctor, nurse, and administrator to do their best work.	
2:10 PM to 2:55 PM	Agentic AI: Reinventing Healthcare Operations for Better Care	Now LLMs have crossed a threshold: capable, contextual, and fast. By streamlining administrative workflows, reducing staffing strain, and improving employee experience, these intelligent agents unlock efficiencies that ripple across the care continuum. From contact centers and prior authorizations to scheduling and billing, discover how agentic AI reduces friction for patients and clinicians alike, enabling better outcomes and a more resilient healthcare system.	Kali Arduini Ihde Director, Ventures and Innovation Northwestern Medicine Donna Fortson Senior Vice President, Chief Revenue Officer Wellspan Health Jeff McCool Executive Director, Healthcare CAI Strategy SoundHound AI Amish Desai Chief Medical Officer - Population Health and Vice President Northwestern Memorial HealthCare Craig Anderson Vice President, Corporate Innovation Officer Baycare Health System
3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	Fireside Chat: Aligning AI Strategy with Clinical Reality	An executive duo featuring clinical and technical leaders reveal their journey of bridging organizational AI strategy with frontline healthcare needs. Through candid dialogue, they demonstrate how they resolved the tension between ROI	Mark Sendak Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer Vega Health

		demands and workflow requirements by developing shared frameworks for problem identification and prioritization, co-designing solutions with frontline clinicians, and creating metrics that satisfy both financial and clinical stakeholders. Participants will gain actionable strategies for building communication bridges that transform organizational friction into effective collaboration, ensuring AI initiatives deliver measurable ROI and improved patient outcomes.	Suresh Balu Associate Dean for Innovation and Partnership, Executive Program Director, Duke Institute for Health Innovation (DIHI) Duke University School of Medicine Jeffrey Ferranti Senior Vice President and Chief Digital Officer Duke Health
4:15 PM to 4:55 PM	Don't Skip Leg Day: Building Clinical Muscle in Your AI Strategy	Speakers share successful clinical implementation case studies and proven methods for building clinician confidence in AI tools that actually improve patient care. Learn how leading organizations address the autonomy vs. accountability tension that keeps clinicians on the sidelines and discover frameworks for measuring AI's true impact on health outcomes.	Robert Purinton Chief AI Officer Advent Health Margaret Lozovatsky Chief Medical Officer and Vice President, Digital Health Innovations American Medical Association Kathryn King Chief Medical Information Officer and Co-Director National Telehealth Center of Excellence MUSC Medical University of South Carolina Health Anil Saldanha

			Chief Innovation Officer Rush University Medical Center Graham Walker Emergency Physician / Co-Director of Advanced Development
5-7pm	HIMSS26 Opening Reception	Remarks from Hal Wolf, CEO, HIMSS on the focus of the HIMSS26 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. no alcohol will be served to staff	Hal Wolf President and Chief Executive Officer HIMSS
7 - 9pm	Global Public Policy Welcome Reception	An evening of insightful conversations, networking, and collaboration with colleagues across the globe no alcohol will be served to staff	
	Dinner break		
11:43pm	Kei Helm departs LAS UA2607		

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026			
Time	**Title**	**Description**	**Speakers**
7:10am	Kei Helm arrives IAD UA2607		

Updated/Actual Itinerary

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8:20 AM to 9:00 AM	Welcome to the 2026 Interoperability & HIE Forum: Opening Remarks/Opening Keynote	Many healthcare leaders still view AI and interoperability as necessary technical obligations rather than strategic levers for transformation. Intermountain Health has learned that when these capabilities are elevated to core business strategy, they become catalysts for meaningful operational and clinical impact. In this opening keynote, discover how a disciplined approach to scaling AI, paired with modern, standards-based data integration and a computable data layer, reduces administrative burden, improves decision support, and delivers measurable value. Learn how outcome-focused AI and interoperability can become engines of durable competitive advantage.	Michael Zaroukian Co-Chair, MDHHS Health IT Commission Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Health IT Commission Dan Liljenquist Chief Strategy Officer Intermountain Health

9:05 AM to 9:35 AM	National Data Sharing Infrastructure: Two Years of TEFCA, HIEs and the Road Ahead	This comprehensive analysis examines the progress and impact of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement (TEFCA) since its implementation, exploring how Health Information Exchanges (HIEs) have evolved to support nationwide interoperability. The discussion covers key milestones achieved in standardizing healthcare data sharing, challenges overcome in connecting disparate health systems, and lessons learned from early adoption phases.	Mariann Yeager Chief Executive Officer The Sequoia Project
9:40 AM to 10:25 AM	Local Roots, National Reach: Building Federal Health Capabilities Through Community-Centered Networks .	This session explores how state and local health information networks serve as the critical foundation for achieving federal health priorities. Participants will discover how community-rooted networks leverage local governance, trusted relationships, and zip code-level insights to deliver on national initiatives, including syndromic surveillance, electronic case reporting (eCR), electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs), and population health research. Through real-world examples, attendees will learn how these networks balance local responsiveness to unique state and community needs while maintaining seamless connectivity to national health information exchanges, creating a powerful model for scalable, sustainable health information infrastructure	Laura McCrary President and Chief Executive Officer Konza Health Speaker Melissa Kotrys Chief Executive Officer Contexture John Helvey Chief Executive Officer SacValley MedShare Jennifer Searls Executive Director Connie
10:35 AM to 11:15 AM	CMS 0057 and ePrior Authorization: What Providers and Payers Need to Know	The CMS 0057 final rule is reshaping how healthcare organizations handle prior authorizations. This session will equip providers and payers with the knowledge they need to understand regulatory obligations, prepare for compliance deadlines, and optimize their electronic prior authorization workflows for improved efficiency and patient care.	Michael Westover Vice President, Pop Health Informatics Providence Speaker Scott Rossignol Consultant, FHIR Solutions eHealth Exchange

			Anna Taylor Assistant Vice President, Population Health & Value Based Care MultiCare Health System Srihari Muthyala Director, Health Care Solutions and Interoperability Cambia Health Solutions
11:20 AM to 12:00 PM	Enhancing Healthcare Data Quality: Digital Measurement Standards and the PIQI Approach	Join us for an in-depth look at advancing healthcare data quality through proven digital measurement standards and the PIQI Framework approach. This session will demonstrate how organizations can effectively integrate NCQA, HEDIS, and CMS quality measures with systematic data quality improvement strategies, providing actionable guidance for enhancing both data accuracy and clinical outcomes.	Ryan Howells Principal Leavitt Partners Speaker Edward Yurcisin Chief Technology Officer NCQA Charlie Harp Chief Executive Officer Clinical Architecture
12:15 PM to 1:00 PM	The Patient Experience Unscripted: Personal Stories of Healthcare Navigation	Grab your lunch and join us for an engaging fireside chat featuring real patients sharing their healthcare journeys. In this relaxed, conversational setting, patients will discuss how they've successfully navigated healthcare systems, overcome care delivery challenges, and found their voice as healthcare consumers. This candid conversation offers healthcare professionals a rare opportunity to understand the patient experience beyond clinical encounters.	Amy Gleason Administrator & Senior Advisor U.S. DOGE Service & CMS Speaker Kristen Valdes Founder, Chief Executive Officer b.well Connected Health Jaime Bland Chief Executive Officer

			Cync Health Priyanka Agarwal Co-Founder & CEO HealthEx
1:00 PM to 1:30 PM	Respecting Patients, Building Trust: The Shift Towards Privacy-Enabled Interoperability	This session examines how data segmentation strategies can fundamentally transform the patient-provider relationship by giving patients granular control over their health information sharing. Participants will explore the critical role of data segmentation in enabling patients to make informed decisions about which portions of their health records are shared, with whom, and under what circumstances. The session covers practical implementation approaches for segmentation technologies, regulatory considerations, including patient consent frameworks, and the business case for investing in patient-controlled data sharing.	Hannah Galvin Chief Health Information Officer Cambridge Health Alliance Jacqueline Seitz Deputy Director of Health Privacy Legal Action Center
1:35 PM to 2:15 PM	Beyond the Prescription: Pharmacy Interoperability as a Strategic Imperative for Managed Care Success	This session examines critical use cases where pharmacy integration transforms managed care delivery, from real-time medication reconciliation and prior authorization workflows to population health management and value-based care initiatives. Participants will explore practical implementation strategies, overcome common integration challenges, and discover how seamless pharmacy data exchange enables proactive medication management, reduces adverse events, and supports coordinated care across the entire healthcare ecosystem.	Kim Boyd Principal Leavitt Partners Speaker Pooja Babbrah Executive Vice President, Strategy and Industry Alignment NCPDP Nicole Hasson Director, Pharmacy Strategy Value Drug Company Matt Pearson Head of Healthcare BD

			Amazon Web Services (AWS)
2:20 PM to 2:50 PM	From Data to Intelligence: AI Use Cases in HIE Systems	This session explores the transformative potential of artificial intelligence in Health Information Exchange (HIE) systems while addressing the critical foundations of ethical implications. Participants will examine real-world AI use cases that are revolutionizing HIE operations, clinical decision support, predictive analytics, and population health insights. The session emphasizes the essential role of conformance in enabling successful AI applications, covering standards-based data normalization and continuous improvement processes. Attendees will also explore ethical considerations for AI deployment in healthcare data sharing environments, including bias mitigation, transparency requirements, and responsible AI governance frameworks.	Josh Mosier Vice President of Operations KONZA HEALTH Romy Carlson Advisor & Vice President KONZA HEALTH & Wellnecity
3:00 PM to 3:40 PM	Bridging Digital Worlds: Identity Federation Strategies Across B2B and B2C Ecosystems	This session examines the evolving landscape of digital identity federation, exploring how healthcare organizations can implement unified identity strategies that seamlessly serve both business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) use cases. Participants will discover the unique challenges and opportunities presented by each ecosystem, from enterprise partner authentication to consumer login integration. The session covers architectural considerations, protocol selection, user experience optimization, and security frameworks that enable organizations to create cohesive identity experiences across diverse digital touchpoints while maintaining	Ryan Howells Principal Leavitt Partners Speaker David Bardan General Manager, Healthcare CLEAR Wes Turbeville Senior Vice President, Federal & Healthcare ID.me Alberto Colon Viera

		appropriate trust levels and compliance requirements.	Senior Technical Advisor Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Renee Edwards SVP, Applied AI UnitedHealth Group
3:45 PM to 4:25 PM	Connected Smiles: Advancing Oral Health Through Federal System Interoperability .	This session examines the unique challenges and emerging opportunities for dental interoperability within and between the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and the Indian Health Service (IHS). Participants will explore how these federal agencies are advancing dental data exchange to improve care coordination, reduce duplicative services, and address oral health disparities in vulnerable populations. Through case studies and implementation examples, attendees will learn practical strategies for overcoming technical, regulatory, and workflow barriers to achieve seamless integration between dental and medical records across federal healthcare delivery systems	Mark Marciante Director, Digital Health Leavitt Partners Speaker Bryan Laskin Chief Executive Officer Dental Standards Institute Therasa Bell President and Founder Kno2 Rebekah Fiehn Director, Dental Benefits, Coding, and Data Exchange American Dental Association (ADA)
4:30 PM to 5:00 PM	Closing Keynote	Join Dr. Charles Jaffe, former CEO and HL7 Ambassador of HL7 International, alongside Rachel Dunscombe, the newly appointed CEO of HL7 International, for an inspiring and forward-thinking closing keynote on the future of Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)	Charles Jaffe Former CEO HL7 International Rachel Dunscombe Chief Executive Officer

			Health Level Seven International
5-7pm	HIMSS26 Opening Reception	Remarks from Hal Wolf, CEO, HIMSS on the focus of the HIMSS26 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. no alcohol will be served to staff	Hal Wolf President and Chief Executive Officer HIMSS
7 - 9pm	Global Public Policy Welcome Reception	An evening of insightful conversations, networking, and collaboration with colleagues across the globe no alcohol will be served to staff	
	Dinner break		
11:43pm	Kei Helm departs LAS UA2607		

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026			
Time	**Title**	**Description**	**Speakers**
7:10am	Kei Helm arrives IAD UA2607		