



Health IT Policy Committee

A Public Advisory Body on Health Information Technology to the National Coordinator for Health IT

May 10, 2010

David Blumenthal, MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Office of the National Coordinator
Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

The HIT Policy Committee (the Committee) is charged with recommending to the National Coordinator a policy framework for developing and adopting a nationwide health information technology infrastructure for the electronic exchange and use of health information technology. Therefore, the Committee is submitting to you recommendations that we finalized at our **May 6, 2010**, Committee meeting.

At that meeting, the Committee heard presentations and received advice from the **Privacy and Security Workgroup** on the topic of the certification program.

After discussing the recommendations from the Privacy and Security Workgroup, the Committee agreed upon the recommendations as stated in the attached Privacy and Security Workgroup letter, and are transmitting them to the National Coordinator for consideration. The Committee recommends the National Coordinator accepts its Recommendations on the topic of the certification program as detailed in the attached letter.

We fully appreciate your Office's and the Department's leadership role and efforts to advance widespread adoption of interoperable health information technology in the United States.

Sincerely,

/s/

Paul Tang
Vice Chair

Attachment: Privacy and Security Workgroup letter, May 7, 2010