



Health IT Policy Committee

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

April 30, 2010

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Office of the National Coordinator
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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 **April 21, 2010**, Committee meeting.

At that meeting, the Committee heard presentations and received advice from the **Adoption-Certification Workgroup** on the topic of patient safety. The Workgroup held a hearing on February 25, 2010, on the topic as well as several public conference calls.

After considerable discussion, the Committee agreed upon the recommendations as stated in the attached Adoption-Certification Workgroup letter, and are transmitting them to the National Coordinator for consideration. The Committee recommends that the National Coordinator accept its Recommendations on the topic of patient safety 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: Adoption-Certification April 22, 2010, letter