

March 8, 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 **February 17, 2010**, Committee meeting.

At that meeting, the Committee heard presentations and received advice from the **Information Exchange Workgroup** on policies, guidance, governance, and implementation approaches to enable the exchange of health information and increase capacity for health information exchange over time.

After considerable discussion of the presentation and the Workgroup's input, the Committee agreed upon the recommendations as stated in the attached Information Exchange Workgroup letter for transmission to the National Coordinator for consideration. The Committee recommends that the National Coordinator accept its Recommendations on the NPRM and the IFR 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,

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Vice Chair
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Attachment:
Information Exchange Workgroup Recommendation Letter