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The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology Office of the Secretary, United States Department of Health and Human Services

Dear Dr. Donald Rucker, on behalf of all federal contributors,

Briljent, LLC(Briljent) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to the 2020-2025 Federal Health IT Strategic Plan.

Briljent is a highly acclaimed presence in the Medicaid Enterprise and health information technology (HIT) systems arena with a history of developing and delivering industry-leading solutions to a broad spectrum of government agencies and staff, as well as Health Information Exchanges (HIEs). Our team has provided HIT policy assistance to Medicaid agencies and HIEs across all 50 U.S. states and 6 territories. Our team has deep experience with health information management, technology, and policy.

**Comment**

We would like to applaud the inclusion of the multitude of Federal Contributors. It provides an aligned approach to focusing on common goals across many stakeholders.

Though we have understanding and respect for simplicity by design for consumption by all audiences, we would additionally like to see prioritization and approach to implementation included in the plan. While we support and agree with the goals and objectives identified by the contributors, the quantity and breadth of these will require parallel implementation strategies. We believe the complexity of that implementation would benefit from an additional prioritization strategy. If it is not reasonable to prioritize within this plan as written, we request the inclusion of additional text to describe the planned approach to prioritize. We would like to have the approach added, perhaps, as an additional Appendix that will complement Appendix B, Measuring and Communicating Progress.

**Conclusion**

Briljent hopes that these comments are helpful in moving access and interoperability forward, and greatly appreciates the opportunity to help guide the agency on these complex and important issues. Should you have any questions or seek additional information, please contact Susan Clark, Health Information Technology Engagement Manager, at sclark@briljent.com. We look forward to continuing the dialogue with your offices on this and other important matters.