



# 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 **Adoption-Certification Workgroup** on the topic of the permanent certification program.

After discussing the recommendations from the Adoption-Certification Workgroup, 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 the National Coordinator accept its Recommendations on the topic of the permanent 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: Adoption-Certification Workgroup letter, May 7, 2010*