



Health IT Policy Committee

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

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Dear Dr. Mostashari:

The HIT Policy Committee's (Committee) Information Exchange Workgroup was asked to provide comment on the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Request for Information (RFI) on Advancing Interoperability and Health Information Exchange (HIE).

With limited time to develop comments the Workgroup decided to narrow their focus to four topic areas ripe for federal action to advance HIE: Payment Policy, Providers Ineligible for Meaningful Use, State-level program/policy variation, and Leveraging HHS infrastructure. As the Workgroup developed comments in the various topic areas they considered the following levers: Regulation, Payment, Certification, State action, Reporting and public reporting, and Convening authority.

The Workgroup's comments were presented to the Committee on April 3, 2013. The Committee deliberated on the findings and approved the consolidated comments attached for transmittal to the National Coordinator.

Sincerely yours,

/s/

Paul Tang
Vice Chair, HIT Policy Committee

Attachment:

HITPC Comments on the CMS/ONC RFI