Carolinas HealthCare System

We, Carolinas HealthCare System, believe that to achieve open and connected care for our communities, we all have the responsibility to take action. To further these goals, we commit to the following principles to advance interoperability among health information systems enabling free movement of data, which are foundational to the success of improved health care delivery.

1. Consumer access: To help consumers easily and securely access their electronic health information, direct it to any desired location, learn how their information can be shared and used, and be assured that this information will be effectively and safely used to benefit their health and that of their community.

2. No Blocking/Transparency: To help providers share individuals' health information for care with other providers and their patients whenever permitted by law, and not block electronic health information (defined as knowingly and unreasonably interfering with information sharing).

3. Standards: Implement federally recognized, national interoperability standards, policies, guidance, and practices for electronic health information, and adopt best practices including those related to privacy and security.

To implement these commitments, we are actively using open APIs to deploy and provide patients and their providers with the right data at the right time, making this data securely available online and in mobile applications like the Carolina CareRX prescription application, the MyCarolinas patient portal and the MyCarolinas Tracker mobile application. This work is directed toward providing patients and their care providers with the tools and information they need to best manage care. We also will be using open APIs in support of a clinical guideline pathways tool that delivers the information on the best treatment paths to physicians for a variety of disease states, most notably cancers.

In addition, Carolinas HealthCare is committed to piloting the use of FHIR technology to further our work and commitment to our patients.

Our commitment is to continue to make access to healthcare and the management of health as easy as possible.

Respectfully,

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Carolinas HealthCare System, one of the nation's leading and most innovative healthcare organizations, provides a full spectrum of healthcare and wellness programs throughout North and South Carolina. Our diverse network of more than 900 care locations includes academic medical centers, hospitals, healthcare pavilions, physician practices, destination centers, surgical and rehabilitation centers, home health agencies, nursing homes, and hospice and palliative care.

Carolinas HealthCare System has more than 60,000 full-time and part-time employees, more than 7,460 licensed beds (acute care and post-acute care), and an annual budget exceeding $8.7 billion.