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Cerner Commitment Pledge

We share the principle that to achieve an open, connected care for our communities, we all have the responsibility to take action. To further these goals, we are pledging to the following commitments to advance interoperability among health information systems enabling free movement of data, which are foundational to the success of delivery system reform.

Three interoperability commitments:

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.*

Cerner Response: We believe that ubiquitous interoperability happens when patient information can move freely between competing systems without organizational, vendor or geographic barriers.

- We are committed to developing and providing capabilities that support increased engagement by patients and families, including the ability to access their clinical data through VDT portal capabilities as well as through standards-based API technology. In particular, we commit to support of the FHIR standard, as described below.
- Further, Cerner clients can facilitate secure delivery of information from their portal account to any external personal health record that implements Blue Button + Direct.

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).*

Cerner Response: We believe that every individual has a right to access their complete health record, regardless of where it's located or what system contains the data. It is immoral and unethical for any organization to block the flow of information that could help individuals — and their providers — make better-informed decisions about their care.

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.*

Cerner Response: Cerner's support and leadership in this space have been well documented. We are strongly committed to national interoperability standards, but we also believe that appropriate business incentives and sufficient national infrastructure must be in place in order for the interoperability standards to be used efficiently and at national scale.

- To that end, Cerner co-founded the vendor-neutral CommonWell Health Alliance in 2013 to help advance nationwide interoperability and enable provider systems to share their records with each other and with their patients. In October 2014, Cerner committed to providing five years of CommonWell services to each of our provider clients for free.
- Beyond CommonWell, Cerner is a member of Carequality, an industry coalition focused on developing governance standards.
- Cerner is implementing HL7 FHIR to expose Cerner Millennium data to our clients and third-party developers. Cerner believes FHIR will become the "public API" that the JASON report and the JASON Task Force have called for. We believe FHIR, along with SMART and OAuth 2.0, will enable Millennium to become an open electronic health record (EHR) platform that supports innovative developers. To speed adoption of FHIR, Cerner is an active member of the Argonaut Project, a multi-vendor organization whose goal is to ensure that FHIR matures into a widely implemented API to enable expanded information sharing among EHRs and other health IT providers.
- Cerner has been a major contributor to and a proud supporter of the Direct Project since its inception. Cerner was the first to obtain full accreditation from the Direct Trusted Agent Accreditation Program (DTAAP) offered in partnership by DirectTrust and the Electronic Healthcare Network Accreditation Commission (EHNAC), further highlighting our commitment to uphold industry-established best practices for privacy and security, and fostering confidence for continued innovation around broad use of national Direct standards.