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Re: Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap Draft Version 1.0

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA), we are pleased to submit comments regarding the proposed *Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap Draft Version 1.0*. The NASPA, founded in 1927 as the National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives, is dedicated to enhancing the success of state pharmacy associations in their efforts to advance the profession of pharmacy. NASPA's membership is comprised of state pharmacy associations and over 70 other stakeholder organizations. NASPA promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among its members and pharmacy leaders nationwide.

NASPA is a member of the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative and would like to support the very detailed comments that have been submitted on behalf of the collaborative members. NASPA is supportive of the proposed roadmap and recommendations to improve the safety of HIT through coordinated governance and safely designed and implemented systems, while maintaining and protecting patient privacy. We appreciate the emphasis this roadmap has placed on provisions targeted at enhancing appropriate medication use and management and specifically listing pharmacists as health care providers and users of health information exchanges.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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