

LIFEPOINT HEALTH

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Karen B. DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc
Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Re: Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Interoperability Shared Commitment
Pledge

Dear Dr. DeSalvo:

LifePoint Health shares 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 support the following principles to advance interoperability among health information systems enabling free movement of data, which are foundational to the success of delivery system reform.

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.

LifePoint Health, acting through its subsidiaries, owns and operates community hospitals, regional health systems, physician practices, outpatient centers, and post-acute facilities. Our hospitals typically provide the range of medical and surgical services commonly available in hospitals in non-urban markets.

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We believe that interoperability enables our company's guiding principles: delivering high quality patient care, supporting physicians, creating excellent workplaces for our employees, taking a leadership role in our communities, and ensuring fiscal responsibility. We look forward to continuing to work to improve care in our communities.

Sincerely,

[signed]

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Vice President, Associate General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

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