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RE: Private Sector Stakeholder Commitments Pledge

MEDHOST is committed to working with all stakeholders towards the advancement of interoperability and understands that the ability to exchange health information with patients, providers and other care team members, regardless of platform or location, is critical to the success of our healthcare delivery system. We pledge to the commitments and actions necessary as outlined below to enable the free movement of data, as documented in the Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap.

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. **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.

MEDHOST will continue to develop patient-centered solutions that align with the above stated principles and will remain committed to developing strategy and technology that supports interoperability as presented in the Interoperability Roadmap. We look forward to engaging in conversations with policy makers and other stakeholders to further these goals which are imperative to meeting the needs of patients, providers, and the healthcare delivery system as a whole.

Regards,

[signed]

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