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Karen B. DeSalvo, MD
Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
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Dear Dr. DeSalvo:

MEDITECH shares with all stakeholders 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 commit to 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.

To implement these commitments, we are leveraging our experience as a founding member of the Argonaut Project to create an infrastructure to allow FHIR based API's the ability to securely query and obtain medical summaries and discrete clinical data elements from MEDITECH customer environments. Further, we are vetting and designing secure API-based patient access to their record in a MEDITECH portal beyond the current ability to view, download and transmit.

All of these hereto mentioned efforts are in accordance with currently available nationally recognized and approved standards from ONC to protect patient data in transit and across mediums.

MEDITECH is pleased to be consulted by ONC in the ongoing effort to ensure nationwide health information exchange and through efforts such as this Pledge, remain fully committed to supporting the Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap.

Sincerely,

[signed]

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MEDITECH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, INC.