

We, athenahealth, 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 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 or will publish our API for developer use, actively contribute to private sector led interoperability initiatives, and continue to support the industry's best mature standards while piloting emerging standards that will bring healthcare IT up to speed with similar IT industries.

Below are some of the interoperability initiatives athenahealth maintains and contributes to:

[Commonwell Health Alliance](#)

[athenahealth Developer Portal](#)

[Argonaut Project](#)

[Sequoia Project](#)