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Intermountain Healthcare 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 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, Intermountain Healthcare is aggressively pursuing the development and advancement of open API/Apps on FHIR, supporting efforts by the Healthcare Services Platform Consortium (HSPC) and working closely with Cerner in developing services and applications.

The benefits of interoperability include increased quality of care and significant cost savings in healthcare delivery. Intermountain Healthcare is committed to increasing interoperability through strong standards and cooperation.

We thank the Office of the National Coordinator and HHS for their leadership in advancing interoperable HIT.