

Mountain States

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We Mountain States Health 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

1. Co-sponsor a Community Collaborative on Care Coordination aimed at educating and energizing our community providers improving access by standardizing processes <https://youtu.be/w6Ca4FaRcHg>
2. Sponsored and manage the deployment of an educational instance of Mountain States' inpatient EMR for the exclusive use of Nursing and Information System students at East Tennessee State University.
3. Sponsoring a three way collaborative between Cerner, East Tennessee State University and Mountain States Health furthering education about FHIR and exploring potential projects to demonstrate FHIR's ability to bridge the interconnectivity gaps between disparate Electronic Medical Record Systems.