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UHIN believes that information sharing will move health care to the next level of quality in an appropriate and resource-efficient manner. As a community convener, our responsibility is to educate and assist our healthcare stakeholders to securely share information to improve the health of our community. UHIN, by its mission, is working to positively impact healthcare through reduced costs, improved quality and better results by fostering data-driven decisions. This makes our organization a natural advocate for interoperability. We are not alone in this commitment: the Utah State HIT plan closely aligns with the Federal HIT roadmap. As the state-designated Health Information Exchange, UHIN works closely with the State HIT Coordinator to ensure it is implemented successfully.

We, UHIN, 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.

- **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.
- **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).
- **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 achieve these commitments, we have implemented several activities.

- We provide a variety of ways to connect to the HIE using both push and query technology.
- We are an approved eHealthExchange partner
- We are Direct Trust accredited.
- We have connected with the western Colorado and Arizona HIEs for a Patient Centered Data Home project.

- We are a federally-designated Standards Development Organization, working with the State and community to use standards where possible and develop standards where needed.
- We are an awardee of the Advance Interoperability grant and working to connect members of our community, such as EMS and long term care.

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