



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' INTENTIONS FOR THE INTEGRATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE INTO DHHS' BUSINESS PROCESSES

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) seeks to reduce administrative costs and increase efficiencies through multiple, interoperable health information technology (HIT) systems; among these,

- NC FAST, which provides multiple online tools to reduce administrative burden and streamline assessment, care management and outcome evaluation,
- NCTracks, a multi-payer system to facilitate provider enrollment and consolidate claims processing activities for multiple DHHS health plans,
- NC-MIPS, which provides the online system for collecting and reporting the clinical data elements that enable eligible professionals and hospitals to demonstrate meaningful use; and

WHEREAS, such health information technology infrastructure is a necessary and important part of effectively addressing the challenges and opportunities of transforming the healthcare system, DHHS seeks to leverage existing HIT infrastructure and current investments in health information exchange (HIE); and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Health Information Exchange has been named the state-designated entity for the secure electronic transmission of individually identifiable health information among healthcare providers, health plans, and hospitals in a manner that is consistent with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Privacy Rule and Security Rule, 45 C.F.R. §§ 160, 164, and the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Act, Article 29A of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, through the creation of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation and the Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs, seeks to improve the quality of healthcare and slow rising healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services shall impose Medicare reimbursement penalties in 2015 for eligible providers who have not demonstrated meaningful use of certified electronic health record systems consistent with the Electronic Health Record Incentive Program, Stage 2 Final Rule 42 C.F.R. § 495; and

WHEREAS, DHHS seeks to transition its business processes that currently require paper-based transactions to electronic transactions facilitated by DHHS HIT systems and the statewide health



information exchange; and

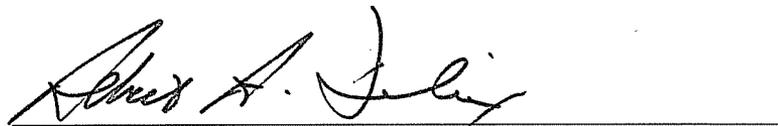
WHEREAS, in keeping with national goals for health system delivery reform, DHHS seeks to use clinical data and evidence-based practices to develop and implement payment models that combine quality metrics with payment structures that reward providers for high performance; and

WHEREAS, DHHS seeks to better serve the healthcare needs of its beneficiaries through real-time exchange of health information between healthcare providers' electronic health record systems and its public health immunization, disease surveillance, laboratory, and other reporting systems; and

WHEREAS, patient engagement and ensuring the privacy and security of personal health information is of great importance to DHHS beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the creation and promotion of a cohesive and workable plan for the development and implementation of North Carolina health information technology infrastructure is of vital importance to, and in the best interests of, DHHS beneficiaries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services intends to champion the development and utilization of ubiquitous health information technology and statewide health information exchange in conducting business processes and transactions with the public.



Signature

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