

Collaborations and Letters of Support from Key Participating Organizations and Agencies

As the State government agency with primary responsibility for executing California's State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program, the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency will partner with a number of other State government agencies and private stakeholders to meet the State's HIE goals. This collaboration will take part under our proposed statewide collaboration process, in which both public and private stakeholders will be engaged to develop the common policy, technical standards, and other rules that will drive interoperability within California's statewide HIE network.

As described above, existing CalPSAB and new public workgroups will be created in November and will formulate charters with a corresponding work plan outlining timelines and deliverables. Similar to the workgroups formed during the strategic planning process, these workgroups generate widespread support and buy-in to the operational planning and implementation process, solicit requirements that support stakeholder business processes that will be incorporated into the HIE infrastructure, and secure the engagement and prepare constituents for that infrastructure. These workgroups will be incorporated into the governance structure of the HIE entity.

Since Executive Order S-12-06 three years ago, the State has secured and expended approximately \$2.5 million from non-Federal sources including over \$500,000 for CalPSAB, \$350,000 to convene the eHealth Action Forum, \$250,000 to support the Health IT Financing Commission, \$400,000 to support the e-prescribing pilot program, \$600,000 for strategic planning, \$400,000 for operational planning, and additional in-kind contributions including salaries for key State staff. The State expects to continue making investments and has described those commitments in the attached budget.

The State departments that have supported these efforts all fall under CHHS. Therefore, we have not attached an inter-agency agreement; rather, it is all subsumed within one Agency. Other non-governmental organizations participating in the HIE infrastructure (as data providers or consumers) would be expected to sign agreements as part of the statewide policy guidance process.

The State has received Letters of Support from 61 organizations, representing broad commitment across California's health care industry. The organizations providing Letters of Support are listed below; individual letters follow in the order shown below..

- Accenture
- Active Health Management
- AltaMed Health Services
- Anakam
- Axolotl Corporation
- Barton Health
- California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies
- California Medical Association
- California Association of Health Plans
- The California State University
- California Academy of Family Physicians
- California Association of Physician Groups
- California Conference of Local Health Officers
- California HealthCare Foundation
- California Medical Association
- CalOptima
- California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems
- California Center for Connected Health
- Community Clinics Initiative
- California Department of Public Health
- California Administrative Office of the Courts
- CGI
- California Hospital Association
- Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland
- Consumer Action
- County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency
- California Primary Care Association
- CSC
- California State Rural Health Association
- Dak Systems Consulting
- Department of Health Care Services.
- The Sutter Health Institute for Research and Education
- eDocSecure Healthcare Solutions
- Hewlett-Packard
- The Foundation for Medical Care of Tulare and Kings Counties, Inc
- HealthPro Consulting
- Hill Physicians Medical Group
- The Integrated Healthcare Association
- Image-X Enterprises Inc
- L.A. Care Health Plan
- Lumetra Healthcare Solutions
- McKesson Corporation
- Mission Community Hospital
- The National Coalition of Health Integration, Inc
- The Office of the State Chief Information Officer
- Pacific Business Group on Health
- The Palo Alto Medical Foundation
- Partnership HealthPlan of California.
- Public Health Foundation Enterprises
- Renta-CEO, Inc.
- Ridgecrest Regional Hospital
- Ridgecrest Regional Hospital & Southern Sierra Telehealth Network
- Riverside County Medical Association
- RLO Management Consultants, Inc.
- Sharp HealthCare
- Assembly Committee on Health
- Tarzana Treatment Centers
- The University of California, San Diego
- The Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council
- The California Pharmacists Association
- United Health Group



Monday, October 12, 2009

Mr. David Blumenthal MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

Accenture LLP supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (HIT) in the State of California. On August 25, 2009, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan describing activities designed to create a sustainable, Statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use. The implementation of this August 25th draft Strategic Plan would facilitate improved patient care, increased savings and more efficiency for California's healthcare providers. It would also help lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

Based on this plan, and our experience in implementing complex HIE, we believe the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program funding may not be enough to establish and sustain Statewide HIE efforts. Therefore, California collectively may need to explore financing mechanisms to build and maintain HIE infrastructure.

Accenture supports the State in planning activities through public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we understand an HIE Operational Plan would be in alignment with the draft HIE Strategic Plan and ONC criteria. The Operational Plan would support CHHS application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We support CHHS's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities.

Accenture is pleased to submit this Letter of Support of CHHA, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. Please feel free to contact me should you desire to discuss our support at 512-573-8503.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren A. Carlo".

for

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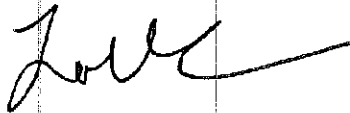
Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Active Health Management supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

The Active Health Management supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The Active Health Management is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.



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AltaMed

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October 6, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

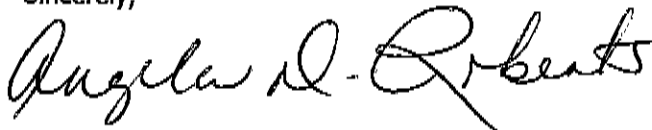
AltaMed Health Services (AMHS) Corporation supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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AMHS supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in the health information exchange and regional extension center workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

AMHS is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,



Angela D. Roberts
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Anakam supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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Anakam supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in CalPSAB in addition to national efforts such as the ANSI Health Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP), the Health Information Security and Privacy Collaboration (HISPC), and Health Level 7. Additional pertinent perspective and experience, particularly in the areas of privacy and secure access, are contributed by Anakam personnel in the Markle Foundation's Connecting for Health project, the Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN) efforts, and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, technical infrastructure, and legal/policy issues. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and we are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities, including workforce development, loan funds, and broadband expansion programs.

Anakam is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 12, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The Axolotl Corporation supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a leader in providing HIE software services now powering 3 entire states (Idaho, Nebraska and Utah) as well as 17 successful RHIOs across the country, Axolotl has witnessed through our customers the feasibility and benefits of creating a sustainable HIE. For example:

- The HIE in Grand Junction, CO, Quality Health was recognized by President Obama as a model for a health information exchange during his visit there in August. QHN was also praised in a NY Times article this summer
- Nebraska connected 9 hospitals, 500 clinicians in 11 weeks
- Santa Cruz, CA has the nation's longest running and sustainable HIE (9 years). The 350 physician community write 20,000 electronic prescriptions per month.
- HealthBridge in Cincinnati is the nation's most successful HIE (sustainable for almost 8 years, crosses 3 state borders, serves nearly 30 hospitals, 27 different EMR's, over 4000 physicians and exchanges 2.8 million patient records a month, plus eRx, lab & radiology reporting, etc).

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

The Axolotl Corporation supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in the REC Workgroup and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.



The Axolotl Corporation is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Barton Health supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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The Barton Health supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in Health IT & Exchange Workgroup and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

Barton Health is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies

Leaders in the partnership that developed and promoted Proposition 63

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
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Date

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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The CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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California Medical Association

Physicians dedicated to the health of Californians

October 5, 2009

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
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October 5, 2009

Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Medical Association (CMA) supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB), CMA supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We are supportive of both the State's open, fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

CMA is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Regards,

Senator Joseph L. Dunn (ret.),
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California Medical Association



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October 5, 2009

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Association of Health Plans supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The California Association of Health Plans is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

Please accept this as a letter of support on behalf of the California State University (CSU) to the State of California Health and Human Services Agency, in pursuit of a Health Information Exchange (HIE) Cooperative Grant for several of our campuses.

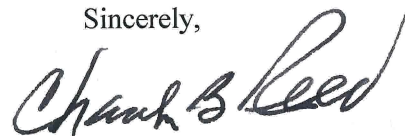
The CSU is the largest baccalaureate-granting university in the nation. We support health information exchange and health information technology in the state of California and on many of our university campuses. On August 25, 2009, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program in support of meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient- and family-centered healthcare delivery system.

The CSU supports the state in its planning activities through representative participation in conferences, workgroups, webinars, and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under the leadership of CHHS Secretary Kim Belshé and CHHS Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an operational plan will be developed in alignment with the Office of the National Coordinator's (ONC) criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. We also applaud CHHS's plans to ensure the proper use and accounting of any grant funds received.

We look forward to working with the state and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



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Chancellor

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October 6, 2009



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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

On behalf of the California Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP), I would like to express strong support for health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. CAFP has more than 7,000 members and is the largest medical specialty society in the state. As you may know, while many family physicians are working toward adopting EHR and other technology tools, optimizing these tools will rely on factors outside of the practice setting, such as HIE.

On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment. This draft outlined activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record (EHR) use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's health care providers, and lead California toward a patient- and family-centered health care delivery system. Family physicians in California and around the country are committed to providing a patient-centered medical home and improving outcomes through technology tools; a statewide HIE program is one important component of doing just that.

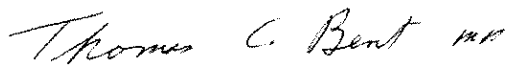
As this process has moved forward, we have appreciated the time and attention the State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations have donated. I know that at CAFP alone, we have committed many hours of staff participation and expertise, and we are only one organization of many committed to the strategic planning and implementation process. We recognize that the funding available through the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore funding mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

CAFP has supported the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in the Regional Extension Center (REC) and Workforce workgroups, and other efforts to inform discussions addressing governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an operational plan will be aligned with ONC criteria and are supportive of the California's application for federal funding under the State Health Information

Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with REC activities and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

CAFP is pleased to submit this letter of commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and health care community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas C. Bent MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas C. Bent, MD
CAFP President



October 5, 2009

S. Kimberly Belshe
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Association of Physician Groups supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

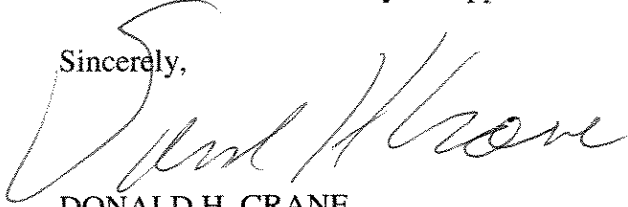
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Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

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The California Association of Physician Groups is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald H. Crane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

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October 8, 2009

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
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Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO) supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

CCLHO supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in multiple workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

CCLHO is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

Ann Lindsay, M.D., President
California Conference of Local Health Officers



Mark D. Smith, M.D., M.B.A.
President and CEO

October 5, 2009

David Blumenthal, MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
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Dr. Blumenthal:

We are writing in support of California's application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. We believe California's Health Information Exchange (HIE) Strategic Plan will improve patient care, create savings and efficiencies for California's health care providers, and lead California toward a more patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The California HealthCare Foundation provided significant resources to support the state's planning efforts and a senior member of our staff participated on California's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board. The Advisory Board helped to guide the state's decision making process, specifically informing decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues.

We are confident that an operational plan will be developed to meet ONC's criteria. We are also confident of the California Health & Human Services Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) Program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The California HealthCare Foundation is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California's application in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the state and the broad health care community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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Mark Smith, MD, MBA

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California Medical Association

Physicians dedicated to the health of Californians

October 5, 2009

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
1600 Ninth Street, Room 460
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Medical Association (CMA) supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB), CMA supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We are supportive of both the State's open, fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

CMA is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Regards,

Senator Joseph L. Dunn (ret.),
CEO
California Medical Association

October 9, 2009

David Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.P.
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Department of Health and Human Services
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Re: Letter of Support for the California Health and Human Services Agency

Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

On behalf of CalOptima, I would like to express our support for the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) in its pursuit of a Health Information Exchange Cooperative Grant.

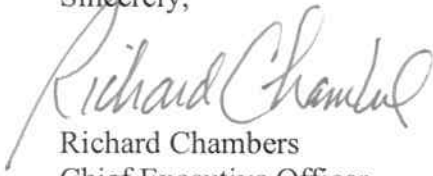
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The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

CalOptima supports the State in its planning activities by participating in the California Privacy & Security, Regional Extension Center, EHR Loan Fund, Broadband and Telehealth, and Work Force Training and Development workgroups. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds, and broadband expansion programs.

CalOptima is pleased to submit this Letter of Support for CHHS. Please contact me at (714) 246-8458 or rchambers@caloptima.org if you would like to discuss in more detail our commitment to CHHS in this initiative. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,



Richard Chambers
Chief Executive Officer



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
1600 Ninth Street, Room 460
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October 7th, 2009

Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH) supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. As the statewide trade association representing 19 public hospital systems that work on the front lines of health care in California, CAPH is closely attuned to the importance and challenges of implementing Health Information Technology, including HIE, in safety net settings in order to strengthen care coordination and improve health care for the patients our members serve. The patient population our members serve is highly diverse and tends to have multiple, complex conditions.

On August 25th, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities we have determined are necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and help begin the process of moving California toward a patient centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems has appreciated the opportunity to participate in California's HIE planning and implementation activities. California's public hospital systems provide nearly a third of all hospital care to the state's Medicaid enrollees, and 36 percent of all hospital-based outpatient services. We felt our voice was heard as a result of the State's approach to create an inclusive decision making process. We are supportive of the State's application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well your intent to coordinate with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California across all health care sectors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Melissa Stafford Jones'.

Melissa Stafford Jones, Chief Executive Officer
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October 7, 2009

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The California Center for Connected Health supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. Implementation of California's HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State donated time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

The California Center for Connected Health supports the State in its planning activities through participation in public meetings and other mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. We are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of California's application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The California Center for Connected Health is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Respectfully,



Sandra Shewry
President & CEO

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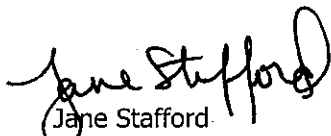
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The Community Clinics Initiative, *a joint project of Tides Center and The California Endowment*, supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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The Community Clinics Initiative supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation as on the E.H.R. Loan Fund workgroup and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The Community Clinics Initiative is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.



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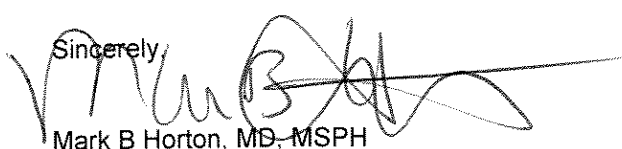
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As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) the CDPH supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We are supportive of both the State's open, fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

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The CDPH is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,


Mark B Horton, MD, MSPH
Director



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October 9, 2009

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

The California Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) recognizes the significance of health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. California's juvenile and family courts have many stakeholders who urgently need health record exchange, including judges, court staff, attorneys, social workers and probation officers. The juvenile court oversees services to children in foster care and children in the justice system, and we are intimately familiar with the dangers to children that result from the inadequate sharing of health information. The California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care, chaired by Associate Justice Carlos R. Moreno of the California Supreme Court, has made improved information sharing one of its top priorities.

On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We have reviewed the HIE Strategic Plan and believe that it will facilitate improved patient care for the children under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the state have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be

enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

The AOC Center for Families, Children & the Courts supports the state in its planning activities. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

We are pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the state and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Nunn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Diane Nunn
Director, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

DN/DW/aab

cc: Mr. William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts
Mr. Ronald G. Overholt, AOC Chief Deputy Director
Ms. Kim Belshé, Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency
Mr. Jonah Frohlich, Deputy Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency
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October 12, 2009

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

CGI supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

CGI supports the State and other public-private organizations involved in its planning activities through in-kind participation in Workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

CGI is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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John Loonsk, MD, FACMI
Chief Medical Officer

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Josetta Bull
Vice President



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October 7, 2009

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
1600 Ninth Street, Room 460
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October 5, 2009

Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Hospital Association, representing over 400 hospitals through our state, strongly supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan, developed with input from diverse stakeholders, will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) the California Hospital Association supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We support California's application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs. We look forward to opportunities to assist you by providing input regarding funding to our rural, critical access and disproportionate share hospitals who are caring for California's most vulnerable citizens.

The California Hospital Association is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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David Blumenthal MD, MPP
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October 9, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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The Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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Kim Belshé
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October 7, 2009

Dear Secretary Belshé,

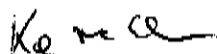
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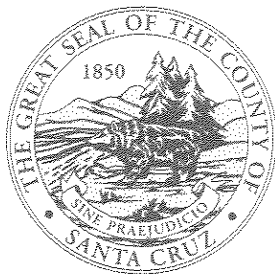
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Sincerely,



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October 6, 2009

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Yours Truly,

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Dr. Rama Khalsa
County of Santa Cruz
Health Services Agency Director

Cc: Secretary Kim Belshe, California Department of Health and Human Services
Dept. Secretary Jonah Frohlich, California Department of Health and Human Services



California Primary
Care Association

Health Care Access for All

October 7, 2009

Kim Belshé, Secretary
California Health & Human Services Agency
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

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October 9, 2009

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Date

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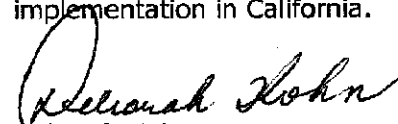
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State of California—Health and Human Services Agency
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ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
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October 6, 2009

Kimberly Belshé, Secretary
California Health & Human Services Agency
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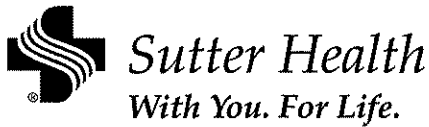
The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) wishes to express its support for the approach embodied in the draft Health Information Exchange (HIE) Strategic Plan. It provides a strong foundation for encouraging the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system. It will provide our Department, California's Medicaid agency, with important support for our responsibilities to implement incentives to encourage providers to adopt health information technology.

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DHCS is committed to the support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with our sister agencies and the healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,


David Maxwell-Jolly
Director



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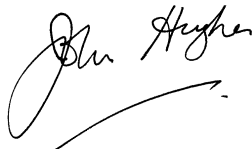
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October 12, 2009

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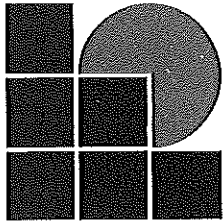
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Sincerely,

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9 October 2009

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October 7, 2009

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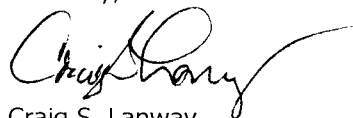
Hill Physicians Medical Group is one of the largest and most successful Independent Practice Associations (IPAs) in the country. Hill has been a leader in the movement toward EHR adoption and health information exchange (HIE) in physician practices. We strongly support HIE and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the State's HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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Sincerely,



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October 8, 2009

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Tom Williams
Executive Director

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
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Date

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Image-X Enterprises Inc. supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

Image-X Enterprises Inc. supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in Workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

Image-X Enterprises Inc. is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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October 12, 2009

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Re: State of California – Federal HIE Cooperative Agreement Program

Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation's largest public agency health plan, submits this letter in support of health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (HIT) in the State of California. On August 25, 2009, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe implementation of the CHHS HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

L.A. Care Health Plan has supported, and continues to support, CHHS in its planning activities through participation in workgroups and other channels to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy matters. Under CHHS's leadership, we are confident an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria, and are strongly supportive of CHHS's application for federal funding under the HIE Cooperative Agreement Program. We also endorse CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

Given our significant involvement in the State's processes and efforts, L.A. Care Health Plan is pleased to submit this letter in support of CHHS in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working closely with CHHS and others to support HIE and HIT adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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October 12, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Lumetra Healthcare Solutions supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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The Lumetra Healthcare Solutions supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in Regional Extension Center Planning, Workforce Planning Workgroups, and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The Lumetra Healthcare Solutions is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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October 9, 2009

The Honorable David Blumenthal MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

On behalf of McKesson Corporation, I am writing to communicate our support for health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (HIT) in the state of California. As you may know, McKesson is the largest distributor of pharmaceuticals and medical surgical supplies as well as the world's largest health information technology company. We are committed to helping our customers deliver high-quality healthcare by reducing costs, streamlining processes and improving the quality and safety of patient care.

Recently, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. The implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family-centered health care delivery system.

McKesson is a participant in the State's stakeholder workgroups, which address issues such as governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we believe that an operational plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. McKesson is supportive of the State's application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds. We endorse a coordinated effort with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities, including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

McKesson is pleased to submit this letter in support of the State of California Health and Human Services Agency in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Best regards,



Robert C. Katter
Vice President, Strategy and Business Development
RelayHealth (a McKesson division)

cc: S. Kimberly Belshé, Secretary, CA Health and Human Services Agency
Jonah Frohlich, Deputy Secretary, CA Health and Human Services Agency



October 7, 2009

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

Mission Community Hospital (MCH), a non-profit safety net hospital located in the San Fernando Valley region of Los Angeles, California, supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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MCH supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in HIE Workgroups and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

We are pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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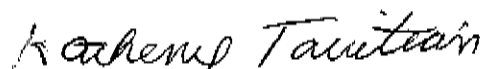
The National Coalition of Health Integration, Inc. ("NCHI"), a nonprofit corporation supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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NCHI is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,



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OFFICE OF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Teri Takai
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October 5, 2009

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

The Office of the State Chief Information Officer (OCIO) supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) the OCIO supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We are supportive of both the State's open, fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The OCIO is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,



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October 5, 2009

Kimberly Belshé
Secretary, State of California Health & Human Services Agency
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

Pacific Business Group on Health strongly supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. Core to our mission is having the right information available to support decision making at the point of care and for performance measurement and reporting. On August 25, 2009, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) the Pacific Business Group on Health actively supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We are supportive of both the State's open, fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The Pacific Business Group on Health is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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October 1, 2008

Kim Belshé
Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
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Dear Secretary Belshé,

The Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) supports the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) PAMF supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. We are supportive of both the State's open, fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

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I am pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Tang, MD



October 6, 2009

David Blumenthal MD, MPP
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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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PHC is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Horn".

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PHFE is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its efforts to secure an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to continuing to work with the State, healthcare and public health communities to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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10/06/2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Renta-CEO, Inc, a healthcare consulting firm located in Southern California, supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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October 7, 2009



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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Ridgecrest Regional Hospital supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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Ridgecrest Regional Hospital is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Suver", is written over a horizontal line.

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October 7, 2009



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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Ridgecrest Regional Hospital and Southern Sierra Telehealth Network support health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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Ridgecrest Regional Hospital and Southern Sierra Telehealth Network are pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Respectfully,

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Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Riverside County Medical Association (RCMA) supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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The RCMA supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in Workgroups, through its local Riverside County HIT Stakeholders Coalition and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The Riverside County Medical Association is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely yours,

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October 9, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

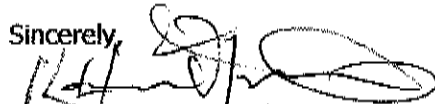
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RLO Management Consultants, Inc supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in California Health Information Exchange, Regional Extension Centers, Research and New Technology, and Workforce and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

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October 7, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Sharp HealthCare supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

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Sharp HealthCare supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in the multiple CHHS HIT work groups, California eRX Consortium, California eHealth Collaborative, CalRHIO and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

Sharp HealthCare is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) in its pursuit of a health information exchange (HIE) Cooperative Grant.

CHHSA has published a draft HIE Strategic Plan which describes the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. I believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient-centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have contributed time and resources to developing the HIE Strategic Plan. We recognize that in addition to the funding available through the State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), we must explore and develop financing mechanisms to build on and maintain HIE infrastructure.

I believe that CHHSA Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich will work with stakeholders to develop an operational plan in alignment with your office's criteria, and I support their application for federal funding under the State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program. I also support CHHSA's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, and to coordinate with the Regional Extension Center program and other ARRA-related opportunities, including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs. I look forward to working with CHHSA and the health care community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Sincerely,

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Reply Address:

October 8, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

Tarzana Treatment Centers supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and upon and maintain HIE infrastructure.

Tarzana Treatment Centers has been active in support of the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in the Stakeholders process developed by the state and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

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Tarzana is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Senella", written in a cursive style.

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October 7, 2009

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The University of California, San Diego supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (IT) in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient- and family-centered health care delivery system.

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The University of California, San Diego supports the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in workgroups, committees, meetings, and other available public mechanisms to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy. Under Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich's leadership, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria and are supportive of their application for federal funding under the *State*

Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program. We also support CHHS's plans to coordinate with its partners to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordinate with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities, including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The University of California, San Diego is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

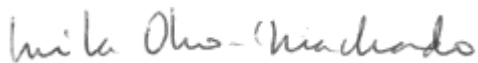
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RE: Support for the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS)

Dear Dr. Blumenthal,

The Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council supports health information exchange (HIE) and health information technology (HIT) in the state of California. On 25 August 2009, CHHS published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe that the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient centered health care delivery system.

The State of California and hundreds of individuals and organizations across the State, including ours have donated in-kind time and resources to the recent strategic planning process. We recognize that the funding available through the ONC State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program will not be enough to sustain statewide HIE efforts, and that California collectively must explore financing mechanisms to build and maintain HIE infrastructure.

The Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council has supported the State in its planning activities through in-kind participation in several work groups, online discussions and town calls to inform the discussions around governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, legal and policy issues. Under the leadership of Secretary Kim Belshé and Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich and with the input of dozens of individual and organizational participants, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed which meets the ONC criteria. We support the State's application for federal funding under the *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*.

As a rural organization now exploring how HIE can be implemented cost effectively, we will be looking to the State for assistance with expertise and grant funding. Historically, the California Health Care Foundation presented (in 2004) that small communities such as ours implementing HIE did not reach financial sustainability. As a small part of the larger whole, we will be relying upon the State to ensure that our needs in this process are met, a statewide migration from isolation to collaboration.

The Yuba-Sutter Healthcare Council is pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of CHHS in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support both HIT and HIE adoption and implementation in California.

With Best Regards,



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Secretary, California Health & Human Services Agency
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October 5, 2009

Dear Secretary Belshé,

The California Pharmacist Association supports and encourages the widespread adoption of health information exchange (HIE) and meaningful use of electronic health records in the state of California. On August 25, 2009 the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) published a draft HIE Strategic Plan for public comment describing the activities necessary to create a sustainable, statewide HIE program that supports meaningful electronic health record use in the public and private sectors. We believe the implementation of the HIE Strategic Plan is an essential component of a program that will facilitate improved patient care, increase savings and efficiencies for California's healthcare providers, and lead California toward a patient and family centered health care delivery system.

As a member of the State's Health Information Exchange Advisory Board (HIE-AB) the California Pharmacist Association supports California's HIE planning and implementation activities. The HIE-AB has guided the State's decision making process, specifically informing important decisions on governance, finance, technical infrastructure, business and technical operations, and legal/policy issues. In addition, we are supportive of the State's open fair and inclusive decision making process, and its application for federal funding under the State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program.

Under your leadership, and the leadership of Deputy Secretary Jonah Frohlich, we are confident that an Operational Plan will be developed in alignment with ONC criteria. We are also confident of your Agency's plans to ensure proper use and accounting of grant funds, as well as coordination with the Regional Extension Center (REC) program and other ARRA-related opportunities including workforce development, loan funds and broadband expansion programs.

The California Pharmacist Association and its members are pleased to submit this Letter of Commitment in support of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency, in its pursuit of an HIE Cooperative Grant. We are committed to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California.

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October 12, 2009

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Re: California Application for *State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program*

Dear Dr. Blumenthal: 

UnitedHealth Group has a long history of concrete commitments to modernizing healthcare using health information technology solutions to improve the quality and reduce the variability and the cost of care delivered to Americans. We have committed time, resources and funding to appropriate projects throughout the nation.

UnitedHealth Group has a strong history of engaging with market-based health information exchange collaboratives through UnitedHealthcare, our commercial insurance company. These engagements include existing health information exchange projects such as CalRHIO, CareSpark (Southeastern Tennessee and Western Virginia), Indiana Health Information Exchange, CORHIO and HealthE-MidAmerica in Kansas City and others in development. Nationally, we are working on many levels to develop and implement standard data sets and interoperable information systems to speed adoption of health information exchange, as well as standard measures to objectively determine long term impact on quality and value. We use our experience thoughtfully to advance projects that have the possibility of improving and reducing the cost of care.

UnitedHealthcare recognizes that many different organizations around the country are applying for grants under HITECH. Operating in all 50 states, we have a keen interest in working collaboratively with new grantees, wherever they are located, to determine their specific needs and how we may be able to support those needs. To that end, we have participated actively in the State of California's process to develop its plan for the development and implementation of statewide health information exchange in California, where we provide health insurance and related services for more than 1 million people.

Given our commitment to health care modernization efforts, including the widespread use of electronic health information to improve care and reduce its cost, we are pleased to offer this letter in support of the application of the State of California, Health and Human Services Agency for HITECH funding. We look forward to working with the State and healthcare community to support HIE adoption and implementation in California

Sincerely,



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