Collaborative’s Key Value Points:

- The Collaborative seeks to maximize the opportunities for the improvement of patient health and medication outcomes through effective and efficient integration of pharmacist patient care services that are documented in electronic health records and shared through local, state and regional health information exchanges.
- At the request of national pharmacy organizations, the Collaborative ensures that the pharmacy profession is at the appropriate HIT tables.
- The policy development aspects of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) are now influenced through the active participation of the Collaborative.
- The Collaborative is an important catalyst for the development of standard clinical terminology codes (e.g. SNOMED CT) that assist pharmacists in the documentation of their patient care services into electronic health records.

ONC Draft Interoperability Roadmap Comments

On April 3, 2015 Collaborative submitted comments regarding the proposed Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap Draft Version 1.0. The Collaborative was pleased to see and appreciates the ONC recognizing pharmacists numerous times in various sections of the roadmap. These include specifically listing pharmacists as health care providers and users of health information exchanges; referencing the NCPDP-HL7 Pharmacist/Pharmacy Provider Functional Profile Task Group; and acknowledging patient-centered care services, such as comprehensive medication management (CMM) and medication therapy management (MTM), provided by pharmacists.

Comments on Adult Immunizations

On March 23, 2015, the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative submitted comments regarding the National Vaccine Program Office’s (NVPO) draft report, National Adult Immunization Plan. The Collaborative is supportive of the plan’s overall objective of achieving higher vaccination rates of adults across all population groups for the prevention of infectious diseases. Our comments are focused on the plan’s goals, objectives and strategies related to health information technology.

NLM Request for Information

On March 12, 2015, the Collaborative submitted comments in response the request for information: Soliciting Input into the Deliberations of the Advisory Committee to the NIH Director (ACD) Working Group on the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The Collaborative is supportive of the NLM and its role as an international leader in biomedical and health information. As health care providers, pharmacists provide patient-centered care and services, and as part of the integrated health care team, they are directly involved with other health care providers and patients in various practice settings utilizing the resources maintained and provided by the NLM.

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