



Pharmacy Health Information Technology Collaborative

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Comments made by Shelly Spiro, Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Executive Director

My name is Shelly Spiro; I'm the Executive Director of Pharmacy HIT Collaborative representing over 250,000 members of the majority national pharmacy associations including pharmacy education and accreditation. Our members include key pharmacy organizations involved in Health Information Technology (IT) including the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited Standards Development Organization (SDO) the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) and 8 associate members representing e-prescribing and health information networks, a standards development organization, transaction processing networks, pharmacy companies, system vendors and other organizations that support pharmacists' services.

The Pharmacy HIT Collaborative's vision and mission are to assure the nation's health care system is supported by meaningful use of health IT, the integration of pharmacists for the provision of quality patient care, and to advocate and educate key stakeholders regarding the meaningful use of health IT and the inclusion of pharmacists within a technology-enabled integrated health care system. The Collaborative's goals are to ensure health IT supports pharmacists in health care service delivery, to achieve pharmacists' integration within health information exchange, and to support national quality initiatives enabled by health IT. A major focus of the Pharmacy HIT Collaborative is to assure pharmacists in all practice settings (community, health-system, hospital, managed care, and long-term and post-acute care) are integrated in the national health IT infrastructure.

In reference to the Advanced Health Models and Meaningful Use Workgroup presentation, pharmacists play a critical role in facilitating the effective use of health IT to support outcomes-focused advanced models for healthcare delivery and value-based payment. Pharmacies are growing as primary care locations especially related to wellness and pharmacists provide essential medication-related care management to our nation's patients. The Pharmacy HIT Collaborative is requesting pharmacists and pharmacies perspectives be included in the HIT Policy Committee's recommendations to ONC as part of the continuum of care and any future discussions related to this topic.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Spiro, RPh, FASCP

Response: None