

## **Federal Advisory Committee Health IT Advisory Committee (HITAC) Meeting, March 20, 2019**

Comments made by Shelly Spiro, Pharmacy HIT Collaborative Executive Director

My name is Shelly Spiro; I'm the Executive Director of Pharmacy HIT Collaborative (PHIT) 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 National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) and 13 associate members representing e-prescribing and health information networks, transaction processing networks, pharmacy companies, system vendors, pharmaceutical manufactures and other organizations that support pharmacists' services.

The PHIT's vision is to assure US Health IT infrastructure will better enable pharmacists to help optimize person-centered care. Our mission as the leading authority in pharmacy health IT, the Collaborative advances and supports the use, usability, and interoperability of health IT by pharmacists to help optimize person-centered care. This is accomplished by:

- Identifying and voicing the health IT needs of pharmacists.
- Promoting and influencing awareness of pharmacists' use and functionality of health IT.
- Collaborating, facilitating, and convening stakeholders on topics related to health IT.
- Providing resources, guidance, and support for adoption and implementation of standards-driven health IT.
- Guiding health IT standards development and other activities to address the health IT needs of pharmacists.
- Supporting the collection, documentation, and exchange of information among health IT systems.

A major focus of the Collaborative is to assure pharmacists in all practice settings (community, health-system, hospital, managed care, behavior health and long-term and post-acute care) are integrated in the national health IT infrastructure.

On behalf of the pharmacy profession, the Collaborative over the last 9 years have dedicated our efforts to define and promote the use standards within clinical documentation systems used by pharmacists. The Collaborative supports the efforts of NCPDP electronic prior authorization standards within the electronic prescribing standards (SCRIPT). The Collaborative supports the DaVinci Project prior authorization use case and supports the efforts to ensure pharmacists providing clinical services are included in any electronic prior authorization process for medications, devices and services provided.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Spiro, RPh, FASCP

**Response:** None