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 (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, health information networks, pharmacy companies, system vendors, and other organizations that support pharmacists' services.

A major focus of PHIT 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.

With the wide adoption of the Pharmacist eCare Plan effort using the C-CDA and FHIR standards, we agree with Dr. O'Malley's comments to assure non-traditional EHR vendors are able to certify for interoperable exchange of clinical information. This includes Pharmacy system vendors.

 PHIT is the steward of over 650 SNOMED CT ® codes and over 100 Value Sets within the National Library of Medicine's Value Set Authority Center (VSAC) to standardize the collection, documentation and sharing of medication-related pharmacist-provided clinical services with standards such as the Pharmacist eCare Plan. The PHIT supports the efforts of USCDI.

Respectfully submitted, Shelly Spiro, RPh, FASCP

Response: None