Health IT Policy Committee

A Public Advisory Body on Health Information Technology to the National Coordinator for Health IT

April 6, 2010

David Blumenthal, MD, MPP
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Office of the National Coordinator
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Dr. Blumenthal:

The HIT Policy Committee (the Committee) is charged with recommending to the National Coordinator a policy framework for developing and adopting a nationwide health information technology infrastructure for the electronic exchange and use of health information technology. Therefore, the Committee is submitting to you recommendations that we finalized at our **April 5, 2010**, Committee teleconference meeting.

At that meeting, the Committee heard presentations and received advice from the **Adoption-Certification Workgroup and the Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup** on the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) proposed rule-making regarding the establishment of two certification programs for purposes of testing and certifying health information technology.

After considerable discussion of the presentations and the Workgroups' input, the Committee agreed upon the recommendations as stated in the attached Adoption-Certification Workgroup and Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup letters for transmission to the National Coordinator for consideration. The Committee recommends that the National Coordinator accept its Recommendations on the Temporary Certification NPRM as detailed in the attached letters.

We fully appreciate your Office's and the Department's leadership role and efforts to advance widespread adoption of interoperable health information technology in the United States.

Sincerely,

/s/

Paul Tang, MD, MS
Vice Chair
Health IT Policy Committee

Attachments:
Adoption-Certification Workgroup Recommendation Letter
Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup Recommendation Letter