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Healthcare

Vindell Washington, MD
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Acting Assistant Secretary for Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dear Dr. Washington:

Lexmark Enterprise Software shares the principle that to achieve an open and connected care ecosystem for our communities, we all have to take responsibility and action. To further these goals, we commit to the following principles that can serve to advance health information technology interoperability to enable free movement of data, which is foundational to the success of health care system reform. Lexmark has been extremely active in the development of an interoperable framework and we have achieved high levels of capabilities through our efforts. As such, we will continue to implement our efforts in support of these three core commitments:

1. **Consumer Access:** To help consumers easily and securely access their electronic health information, direct it to any desired location, learn how their information can be shared and used, and be assured that this information will be effectively and safely used to benefit their health and that of their community.

2. **No Information Blocking:** To help providers share individuals' health information for care with other providers and their patients whenever permitted by law, and not block electronic health information (defined as knowingly and unreasonably interfering with information sharing).

3. **Standards:** Implement federally recognized, national interoperability standards, policies, guidance, and practices for electronic health information and adopt best practices including those related to privacy and security.

Lexmark Healthcare has been at the forefront of both tackling information blocking as well as developing national interoperability standards through its long-standing participation in the Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise (IHE) initiative (www.ihe.net).

We clearly recognize the important role that interoperability plays in assuring quality, improving value, and reforming care. Working with our customers to improve the care of their populations while providing value to reduce the cost of health care is a driving force for Lexmark Enterprise Software.

Lexmark is committed to achieving its goals to improve interoperability. Please accept our commitment to further technology interoperability as a core foundation of that goal.

Sincerely,

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