



NCVHS
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

October 14, 2020

The Honorable Alex Azar II
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: NCVHS Recommendations Follow up

Dear Secretary Azar:

The National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) appreciates the commitment of CMS Administrator Seema Verma in her July 13, 2010 response letter to the NCVHS recommendations sent December 10, 2019. In her letter, Administrator Verma emphasized HHS' commitment to meet evolving business needs of HIPAA-covered entities, reducing burden and promoting innovation.

NCVHS remains hopeful that more actionable steps are forthcoming. We recognize the significance of the reorganization that has taken within CMS place since NCVHS submitted its recommendations last December. Industry input into the need for action to improve the adoption ecosystem continues to be emphatic and enthusiastic.

We are looking forward to engaging with the new CMS Office of Burden Reduction and Health Informatics regarding the Committee's December 2019 recommendations for HHS actions to improve the adoption of standards under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

Sincerely,



William W. Stead, M.D., Chair
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics

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