



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Jacki Monson, JD
Chair
National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics
3311 Toledo Road
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Dear Jacki Monson:

Thank you for your letter outlining recommendations to modernize the adoption of Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) transaction standards and to support the transformative changes occurring in health care delivery systems, payment methodologies, standards development, and rule adoption.

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) values the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) role in facilitating administrative efficiency across the healthcare industry and its steadfastness in providing advice and assistance to HHS to ensure that covered entities meet evolving business needs.

I greatly appreciate you sharing the recommendations received during the June 9, 2022, listening session. Your recommendations will be shared and carefully considered within the Department.

HHS continues to appreciate the strong engagement and thoughtful recommendations from the NCVHS. Moreover, we value your dedication to improving the adoption and implementation of HIPAA administrative simplification provisions.

I look forward to your continued counsel.

Sincerely,

Xavier Becerra