

## Connecting for Better Health Coalition Charter

### Vision

Connected health data is the standard across California: Every Californian and their providers have the information and insights they need to make healthcare seamless, high quality and affordable.

### Purpose

This multi-stakeholder coalition aims to promote policy that builds capacity to support provider and health plan participation in a statewide health information exchange network.<sup>1</sup>

### Policy Goals

- Ensuring every provider and health plan shares needed data so that the whole care team, regardless of where they are in the state, has the information they need to serve their patients.
- Cementing an ongoing source of funding. Other states have leveraged available federal funding to build robust health information exchange infrastructure. It is time for California to do the same.
- Building needed statewide infrastructure while leveraging regional efforts, making sure every stakeholder has the appropriate support to participate.

### Principles

In shaping our agenda and approaching our work, we will support activities that align with our principles.

- **Patient, Caregiver and Provider Stories Lead Our Work.** We approach our work with patients, caregivers and providers at the center, and their diverse voices guide our work. We recognize that data collected by the health system should be used to improve patient and caregiver experience and outcomes and to the benefit of the doctors and nurses that care for them.
- **Health Equity and Care Transformation Are Our Ultimate Goals.** We understand the role connected health data play in improving the value of care, lowering costs, reducing burdens on patients and identifying and eliminating health disparities that continue to impact too many Californians.
- **Linkages with Public Health is Essential to our Success.** We recognize that data collected by the health system strengthen our public health infrastructure and ability to prepare and respond to public health emergencies.
- **Data Privacy and Security Must Be Reinforced.** We believe that connected health data can and must be developed and shared among systems in secure ways that uphold patient privacy.

### Objectives

We will achieve connected health data by employing these objectives:

- **Activating the health care community.** Create a structure for individuals and organizations that believe in the promise of connected health data to advance policy.
- **Understanding user's views.** Gather advocates, researchers, and policymakers to highlight the value of connected health data to patients, caregivers and providers.
- **Influencing and educating.** Translate research, law, policies and stories into actionable insights, create educational forums and materials.
- **Strategic communications.** Develop industry-level and consumer based communications that highlight the need for connected health data.

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<sup>1</sup>"Health information exchange" refers to the electronic transfer of health information among health care providers, payers, public health entities, and patients to support improved individual and public health.

### **Planned Activities in 2021**

- Launch coalition and facilitate monthly meetings
- Promote policy evidence demonstrating the value of data sharing
- Host website
- Highlight successful statewide connected health data approaches
- Feature patient and other stories
- Generate focused communications and education materials
- Maintain communication toolkit

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