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SUBJECT: **CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Proposed Rule**

Dear NCHA Members:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently announced the [Interoperability and Patient Access Proposed Rule](#) that would require CMS-participating hospitals (those who receive reimbursement for Medicare patients) to send notifications of a patient's inpatient admission, discharge, and/or transfer (ADT) to community providers and care team members that have an established a care relationship with the patient.

PatientPing, one of NCHA Strategic Partners' business partners, is the nation's leading real-time care coordination platform. In North Carolina, PatientPing is enabling real-time collaboration between over 90 hospitals and more than 250 Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Home Health Agencies (HHA), Primary Care Providers (PCP), specialists, and other community providers. Strategic Partners is pleased this relationship already positions NCHA members as having strong electronic notifications capabilities. As we wait for CMS to finalize specific compliance requirements, NCHASP and PatientPing will provide additional information.

In the meantime, PatientPing is actively engaged with CMS to ensure technical aspects of the rule do not place undue burdens on providers or negatively impact patient care coordination. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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