



HL7 Commends Dr. Farzad Mostashari for His Exemplary Service

Health Level Seven® International (HL7®) expresses its sincere gratitude to Dr. Farzad Mostashari, who will be retiring as the National Coordinator for Health IT, for his exceptional work. Over the past four years, Dr. Mostashari has been instrumental in raising the awareness of the critical role that health IT plays in the US healthcare system. Under his direction, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) has made great strides in advancing interoperability and improving patient care, most notably with the release of the Meaningful Use rules for electronic health record systems and the endorsement of national standards.

As the nation's health IT leader, Dr. Mostashari has recognized the critical role of standards development organizations such as HL7, and has leveraged their crucial resources for the betterment of healthcare in the US. During Dr. Mostashari's tenure, the ONC and HL7 have strengthened their ties, recognizing the importance of collaboration to further the goal of achieving nationwide standards-based interoperability.

HL7 would like to thank Dr. Mostashari for his significant efforts and accomplishments as the National Coordinator for Health IT. He has brought enthusiasm and passion for health IT and patient care to the role, and he will most certainly be missed. We are confident that the momentum he built while in office will carry us through this critical period toward the realization of improved patient care through exchange of interoperable health information. We look forward to working tirelessly to achieve these goals with the new National Coordinator.