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Farzad Mostashari, M.D., ScM  
National Coordinator for Health Information Technology  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Dr. Mostashari:

I am pleased to appoint Nathan Johnson, Assistant Director, Health Care Policy, with the Health Care Authority (HCA) as the new State Health Information Technology Coordinator for Washington State. Nathan succeeds Richard Onizuka, who has served in this capacity since his appointment in 2009.

My administration has been aggressive in seeking ways to curb the cost of health care while improving quality. Health information technology (HIT) is a critical component of our efforts and has been a central theme of my five-point plan for improving health care in Washington State.

HCA now includes the combined purchasing power of Medicaid and health care benefits for public employees, which uniquely positions it to coordinate with other state agencies, including our public health department in supporting meaningful use of HIT by providers. HCA will also use HIT to improve public health and surveillance.

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Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor

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