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Lee Ann C. Stember  
President  
National Council for Prescription Drug Programs  
9240 E. Raintree Drive  
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Dear Ms. Stember:

Thank you for your recent letter of congratulations on my appointment as the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Your continued support of our efforts to encourage the adoption of interoperable, patient-focused care at the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is appreciated.

ONC values stakeholder input in the development of our rules and related health IT policy and standards. As such, we welcome the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs' (NCPDP) continued feedback and expertise as ONC and associated organizations within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) work to promote the use of interoperable health information technology.

My team and I look forward to meeting with you at your upcoming visit to ONC. We value our continued partnership as we implement ONC's mission of improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities through the use of user-friendly information technology providing health data for when and where it matters most.

Again, thank you for your continued commitment to health IT standards development and its use in the delivery of patient care. I value your perspective and appreciate your on-the-ground feedback. As we consider the recent Executive Orders related to regulatory review, I will make sure my staff has a copy of your points to consider. Please contact Amanda Woodhead, Senior Stakeholder Engagement Lead at [amanda.woodhead@hhs.gov](mailto:amanda.woodhead@hhs.gov) with any further thoughts or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Donald W. Rucker, M.D.", is positioned above the typed name.

Donald W. Rucker, M.D.  
National Coordinator for Health IT