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Ms. Robinsue Frohboese  
Acting Director and Principal Deputy  
Office for Civil Rights (OCR)  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20201

**RE: RIN 0945-AA00; Proposed Modifications to the HIPAA Privacy Rule to Support, and Remove Barriers to, Coordinated Care and Individual Engagement**

Dear Acting Director Frohboese:

On behalf of over 400 members, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this proposed regulation.

Our hospitals and health systems are dedicated to safeguarding the privacy of patients' medical information. We support efforts to decrease regulatory burdens for covered entities and remove unnecessary barriers to efficient care coordination and/or case management that simultaneously also respect and preserve the privacy and security of patients' health information under HIPAA (the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009).

NJHA would like to offer its support of the comments made by the American Hospital Association.

We appreciate OCR's consideration of these issues, and we look forward to working with OCR to provide meaningful patient access to health information and better facilitate critical care coordination needs, while supporting patient privacy. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please feel free to contact me at [NEicher@NJHA.com](mailto:NEicher@NJHA.com).

Sincerely,

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