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Dear Sir or Madam,

Cerner Corporation, a leading supplier of electronic health record, clinical and revenue cycle information systems appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on certain of the provisions of the current standards approved by the National Coordinator during this open comment period in the Standards Version Advancement Process. We offer comments on the individual standards/implementation specifications outlined below.

Cerner Corporation hopes these comments will be of value to ONC in considering possible update to any of the current standards/implementation specifications. We are happy to help clarify any of the comments should ONC wish to pursue any such conversations with us during the period of public comment review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Travis', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Travis
Vice President and Regulatory Strategy Executive
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ELR 2.5.1 Clarification Document for EHR Technology Certification, July 16, 2012

§ 170.315(f)(3) - Transmission to public health agencies — reportable laboratory tests and value/results

We understand that the HL7 Version 2.5.1 Implementation Guide: Laboratory Results Interface, Release 1 STU Release 3 – US Realm – 2018 is currently available that addresses these clarifications. However, we recommend ONC not adopt Release 1 STU Release 3 into the current SVAP cycle. HL7 is currently balloting a newer version that addresses many of the new Health and Human Services (HHS) and state data requirements to be conveyed by the ELR until electronic Case Reporting (eCR) is more widely adopted. Guidance on how to convey these additional data requirements are already available, and more updates are in flight. Adoption of even the latest published version is not enabling what is already needed. We suggest that once ELR and eCR have been updated for how to convey the additional data requirements, the next round of SVAP should address which version for ELR is then most appropriate to formally pursue.