

ORGANIZED HEALTH CARE ARRANGEMENT STATUS

WHEREAS, the Regulations issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”) define an Organized Health Care Arrangement (“OHCA”) to include, among other arrangements, an organized system of health care in which more than one covered entity participates and in which the participating covered entities hold themselves out to the public as participating in a joint arrangement and participate in certain joint activities as specified in the Privacy Regulations.

AND WHEREAS, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, MedStar Harbor Hospital, Mercy Medical Center, and Sinai Hospital are independent HIPAA covered entities but have agreed to collaborate in a regional partnership to improve the health and well-being of patients in a designated population (“Regional Partnership”).

AND WHEREAS, as part of the Regional Partnership, the parties plan to participate in certain joint activities, including quality assessment and improvement activities, where the sharing of protected health information (“PHI”) on patients in the designated population may be necessary to achieve the goals of the Regional Partnership.

AND WHEREAS, for purposes of the Regulations, the parties qualify as an OHCA and wish to declare themselves as such for purposes of the Regional Partnership and to enable the sharing of PHI for the joint activities of the Regional Partnership.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, each of the parties undersigning below hereby declare the OHCA status of the Regional Partnership. The parties make no designation of an organization or an arrangement for any other purpose whatsoever. No person or entity may reference or rely on this designation for any purpose other than for compliance with the Regulations.