



University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Office of the Associate Vice President for Health Sciences

May 28th, 2010

Margaret Morris
Administrative Director – Medicaid Programs
Stony Brook University
Stony Brook, New York 11794

Dear Margaret:

The University at Buffalo is very supportive of the SUNY-wide initiative to collaborate with the New York State Department of Health Medicaid Office to develop statewide HIE infrastructure and facilitate access to patient data. The vision for the UB Health Information Technology program within our Academic Health Center provides an excellent opportunity to align the UB 2020 planning process (our university's plan for achieving enduring academic excellence) and the UB 2020 Strategic Strengths, with the entire SUNY system as it develops this initiative to partner with community and industry leaders in the emerging health care system.

UB is solidly behind the new Health Information Center that has been established under your leadership at the Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences and the corporate partners you have included (e.g., IBM, Dell, CTG, Ultrascan) underscore the regional, and national, leadership role that this center will play in the coming years. It is a natural extension that the center will play a leadership role as we develop statewide initiatives as an integrated SUNY program with NYSDOH.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Russell Bessette'.

Russell Bessette, M.D.