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## STATEMENT OF POLICY

### PROVIDER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

#### Policy

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) supports provider-patient communication that is not directed, defined or restricted by regulation or laws that restrict a patient's right to information about legal medical procedures and not limited by the healthcare provider's religious or personal beliefs.

#### Justification

Decisions regarding healthcare management are made privately between the healthcare provider and patient. NACCHO recognizes a provider's ethical responsibility to provide information to patients on all options of medical care and management in a given situation.

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