
David J. Brailer, M.D., Ph.D.

David J. Brailer, MD, PhD completed two years of service as the nation's first National Coordinator for Health Information Technology on May 19, 2006. Dr. Brailer was appointed National Coordinator on May 6, 2004, by President George W. Bush. As National Coordinator, Dr. Brailer was responsible for leading federal and private sector efforts to improve health care quality, accountability and efficiency through widespread deployment of health information technology. He has set the nation's health care industry on a course toward modernized health information standards, certification of health information tools, state-of-the-art information sharing architectures and new policies for protection of consumer privacy. Dr. Brailer has addressed how health information can help protect the nation from adverse drug events, bioterrorism, pandemic flu and other public health threats. As National Coordinator, Dr. Brailer has fostered partnerships between government and the private sector for health information breakthroughs that will be valuable and beneficial to the nation's consumers.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Brailer served as a senior advisor and consultant to the federal government as it formulated its health information technology policy. During this period, Dr. Brailer was a Senior Fellow at the Health Technology Center in San Francisco, a research organization that explores the potential for and impact of technology on health care delivery.

Dr. Brailer was Chairman and CEO of CareScience, Inc., from 1994 to 2002. He founded CareScience to develop and commercialize information technology that would reduce medical errors and transform physician and hospital quality. Under Dr. Brailer's leadership, CareScience brought groundbreaking technologies to health care, including the nation's first health care Internet-based Application Service Provider (ASP) as well as the nation's first health information exchange. As CEO, Dr. Brailer developed and oversaw a strategy that raised more than \$65 million in strategic and venture capital, took the company through an IPO, generated sales of more than \$100 million and built a network of hospitals and physicians that is still improving quality of care today.

Dr. Brailer holds doctoral degrees in medicine and economics. He earned his MD degree at West Virginia University and his PhD at The Wharton School. While in medical school, Dr. Brailer was a Charles A. Dana Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and was the first recipient of the National Library of Medicine Martin Epstein Award for his work in information systems. He was among the first medical students to serve on the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association. Dr. Brailer completed his medical residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and became board certified in internal medicine. He was a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania and was active in patient care with a focus on immune deficiency until recently. During his doctoral studies, Dr. Brailer developed the health information technology and quality management curricula at the Wharton School, and taught in The Wharton School MBA program for seven years.
