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ICANN
Suite 220, 4676 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
USA

Attention: New gTLD Evaluation Process

Subject: Letter for support for DotHealth, LLC/.health

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter confirms that the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) fully supports the application for .health submitted to ICANN by DotHealth, LLC in the New gTLD Program. As the Secretary-General I confirm that I have the authority of the WFC to be writing to you on this matter.

The WFC, a non-governmental organization or NGO in official relations with the World Health Organization since 1997, has 91 national associations of chiropractors as its full and voting members, the largest being the American Chiropractic Association and the Canadian Chiropractic Association. It represents them and the chiropractic profession in promoting the development of the chiropractic profession in their countries and internationally.

Within the chiropractic profession the WFC enjoys the support of, and works in collaboration with, national, regional and international organizations. With respect to the educational community, the WFC co-sponsors a major international educational conference every 2 years with the Association of Chiropractic Colleges. With respect to research, the WFC’s Biennial Congress is the foremost meeting for the presentation of original research.

Externally, the WFC is a member of the Council of International Organizations of Medical Sciences (CIOMS) and the World Health Organization (WHO), at the invitation of which it organized and administered WHO’s first international Symposium of Manual Methods of Health Care in Beijing in November 1998. Much further information on the WFC is available at www.wfc.org.

The arrival and growth of the internet has been of central importance to the development, activities and growing influence and success of the WFC as an international organization. The internet is our medium for communications,
member surveys, registration for meetings, provision of databases for members and primary source of required information. We are excited about the potential of a new .health domain.

The WFC has carefully reviewed how DotHealth, LLC intends to operate and manage the .health new gTLD registry, and we are highly supportive of the proposed policies and procedures that have been identified for the purposes of this application. In sharing a commitment to patient safety, information quality and trust, these policies and procedures are very consistent with the standards and best practices that the WFC already supports and advocates to our membership and key stakeholders.

The WFC supports this application, and in doing so understands that, in the event that the application is successful, DotHealth, LLC will be required to enter into a Registry Agreement with ICANN. In doing so, they will be required to pay fees to ICANN and comply with consensus policies developed through the ICANN multi-stakeholder policy processes.

In the event that this application is successful the WFC will enter into a separate agreement with DotHealth, LLC. This agreement will outline the conditions under which we support them in the operation of the .health TLD, and the circumstances under which we would withdraw that support.

Yours sincerely,

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