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Dr. Farzad Mostashari is the CEO of Aledade, a start-up he co-founded aimed at helping primary care doctors form accountable care organizations (ACOs) and a Visiting Fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington DC, where he is focusing on payment reform and delivery system transformation.

Mostashari served from 2011-2013 as the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology where he coordinated US efforts to build a health information technology infrastructure for healthcare reform and consumer empowerment.

During his tenure at the Office of the National Coordinator, including his two years as Principal Deputy, he led the implementation of the Health IT for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act including the design, development and monitoring of the EHR Certification Program (including interoperability standards), the \$800M Regional Health IT Extension Program (with 140,000 primary care providers, the largest medical technical assistance program in US history), the "Beacon Communities" program and collaborated with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the design and implementation of the "Meaningful Use" Incentive Program (garnering participation of >85% of eligible hospitals, and >74% of eligible professionals nationwide), in addition to programs for health information exchange, health IT workforce, research and privacy and security.

This period saw a dramatic increase in adoption of Electronic Health Records (EHRs)—from 9 to 44% among hospitals, and 17 to 40% among outpatient providers (latest data as of mid-2012). Under his leadership, the agency was recognized as one of the top 25 "Innovations in Government" by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2013.

Previously, Mostashari served at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene as Assistant Commissioner for the Primary Care Information Project, where he co-led agile development of population health management functionality within a commercial EHR, and its adoption by more than 1,500 providers in underserved communities. Mostashari also led the NYC Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics and an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality-funded project focused on quality measurement at the point of care.

He conducted graduate training at the Harvard School of Public Health and Yale Medical School, served his internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, and completed the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service program. He was a lead investigator in the outbreaks of West Nile Virus, and anthrax in New York City and among the first developers of real-time nationwide electronic disease surveillance systems.