

## CLINICALCONNECT HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE STANDARD ADDENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

### Update Effective: February 1, 2016

UPMC SOMERSET ("Provider") participates in the ClinicalConnect Health Information Exchange (HIE). Generally, a HIE is an organization that providers, payers, and providers of ancillary healthcare related services participate in (each a "Participant") to exchange patient information in order to facilitate health care, avoid duplication of services (such as tests) and to reduce the likelihood that medical errors will occur. By participating in the HIE, UPMC SOMERSET may share your health information with Participants or participants of other health information exchanges, by example P3N (Pennsylvania Patient & Provider Network) and Healthway (a national network that allows providers to exchange information). This health information includes, but is not limited to:

- Test Results. By example, General laboratory tests, Pathology tests, Radiology tests, GI tests, cardiac tests, neurological tests, etc.
- Health Maintenance documentation
- Problem lists
- Allergy Information
- Immunizations
- Medication lists
- Consultation and Progress notes
- Discharge summaries and instructions
- Clinical Claims Information

Ancillary healthcare related service providers may include, but are not limited to:

- Organ Procurement
- Diagnostic Testing
- Pharmacies
- Durable medical Equipment Suppliers
- Home Health Services

All Participants have agreed to a set of standards relating to their use and disclosure of health information available through the HIE. These standards are intended to comply with all applicable state and federal laws.

As a result, you understand and agree that unless you notify your Provider that you do not wish for your health information to be available through the HIE ("Opt-Out"):

- Health information that results from any Participant providing services to you will be made available through the HIE. For clarity, if you Opt-Out, your health information will no longer be accessible through the HIE. However, your opt-out does not affect health information that was disclosed through the HIE prior to the time that you opted out;
- Regardless of whether you choose to opt-out of the HIE, your health information will still be provided to the HIE. However, if you choose to Opt-Out, the HIE will not exchange your health information with other providers and payers. Additionally, you cannot choose to have only certain providers or payers access your health information;
- All Participants who provide services to you will have the ability to access and download your information. However, Participants that do not provide services to you will not have the ability to access or download your information;
- Information available through the HIE may be provided to others as necessary for referral, consultation, treatment and/or the provision of other treatment-related healthcare services to you. This includes providers, payers, pharmacies, laboratories, etc.;
- Your information may be disclosed for payment related activities associated with your treatment by a Participant; and your information may be used for healthcare operations related activities by Participants.

You may Opt-Out at any time by notifying UPMC SOMERSET. A list of Participants may be found at: [www.clinicalconnecthie.com](http://www.clinicalconnecthie.com).