

HIPAA Privacy Statement - Addendum

This practice participates in a Health Information Exchange program where key clinical information about our patients' care is shared electronically, through a secure web portal, between this practice and other physicians/providers also providing care to our patients. Basic health information is shared with other treating physicians and providers. Sharing of basic health information in a Health Information Exchange is done so to have information available to better care for patients and the information is used for no other purposes.

LATER, if you decide that you no longer wish to participate, any information in The Health Information Exchange cannot be removed, but it will not be viewable because the patient identifying information will be inactivated. If you wish to exclude your basic health information from being included in this program, please inform the practice manager. You will be asked to sign a form documenting your wishes to "Opt-out".

The following information is defined by the State of Illinois as specially protected health information and should ***only*** be shared with the patient's written permission in the Health Information Exchange, eEHX. This specially protected information includes information concerning alcoholism treatment, drug abuse treatment, mental health services, developmental disabilities services, genetic testing and treatment, testing and treatment for HIV/AIDS/Sexually Transmitted Disease, treatment for child abuse/neglect, and treatment of sexual assault or abuse.

We have taken precautions to try and exclude this information from the Health Information Exchange, but there still is a small possibility that this information may be inadvertently sent to the HIE. **Therefore, if you have specially protected health information you should "Opt-out" of participating in the eEHX, or sign a consent that allows release of your specially protected health information.**

This practice also participates with the **Illinois State Immunization Registry and Public Health Disease Surveillance Registry**. Information will be sent electronically to the IL State registries about immunizations and state-required reportable diseases. This information is used by the State of IL to track Public Health needs. If you do not want your immunization information to be reported to the IL State Immunization Registry you may request to "Opt out" of this by signing an Opt-out form. This will not affect your care by your doctor.