



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

Effective Date: June 2012

UPMC participates in the Clinical Connect Health Information Exchange (HIE). Generally, a HIE is an organization that regional providers participate in to exchange patient information in order to facilitate health care, avoid duplication of services (such as tests) and to reduce the likelihood that medical error will occur. By participating in the HIE, Provider may share certain of your health information with other providers that participate in the HIE (each a "Participating Providers") or participants of other health information exchanges. This health information includes, but is not limited to:

- General laboratory results including microbiology
- Pathology test results including biopsies, Pap smears, etc.
- Radiology results including xrays, MRIs, CT scans etc.
- Results of outpatient diagnostic testing including GI testing, cardiac testing, neurological testing, etc.
- Health Maintenance documentation
- Problem list documentation
- Allergy list documentation
- Immunization profiles
- Medication lists
- Progress notes
- Consultation notes
- Discharge instructions
- Inpatient operative reports
- Emergency Room visit discharge summary notes
- Urgent Care visit progress notes

All Participating Providers 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 Participating Provider 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. Additionally, you cannot choose to have only certain providers access your health information;
- All Participating Providers who provide services to you will have the ability to access to your information. However, Participating Providers that do not provide services to you will not have access to 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, pharmacies, laboratories, etc.
- Your information may be disclosed for payment related activities associated with your treatment by a Participating Provider; and your information may be used for healthcare operations related activities by Participating Providers.

**You may Opt-Out at any time by notifying UPMC.**

A list of Participating Providers may be found at: [www.clinicalconnecthie.com](http://www.clinicalconnecthie.com)