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North Dakota Health Information Network (NDHIN)

What is the North Dakota Health Information Network (NDHIN)?

The North Dakota Health Information Network allows health care information to be shared between health care providers within a community or larger region. It allows clinical information to quickly move electronically between the different health care information systems that may be used by a patient's different providers (e.g., specialists, labs) while maintaining the privacy, security and accuracy of the information being exchanged.

Why is exchange of health information important?

Health information exchange helps improve the quality of patient care, saves time, enhances privacy and reduces costs. For example, in an emergency situation, it allows a physician to retrieve the patient's healthcare records quickly and efficiently. This results in delivery of appropriate care and a significant reduction in unnecessary duplicative testing, medical errors and cost.

Is my information protected?

Yes, your information is protected and HIPAA compliant. With NDHIN your data is secure and confidential, and provider access to patient information is restricted and audited.

What are my participation choices?

By default, an individual's protected health information can be searched for through the NDHIN, per North Dakota Senate Bill 2250. Opt Out means an individual has made a written decision that their protected health information cannot be searched for through the health information network, except as required by law or as authorized by the individual in an emergency. The NDHIN offers many benefits to patients, but participation is voluntary. By opting out of participation in the NDHIN, emergency room doctors and other medical professionals may not have access to your complete medical information which could save your life in some situations.

As a patient receiving care in North Dakota, if at any time you do not want to participate or if you only want your information available in a medical emergency, complete and submit the Opt Out/Revoke Opt Out form with your doctor or contact NDHIN at ndhin@nd.gov.