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Updated IHP Participation Agreement—All Members Must Sign

As previously communicated, the Board approved changes to the Participation Agreement of IHP in November 2020, requiring each member to execute an updated document. This was emailed to practice office managers on December 16, 2020 with a requested return date by January 31, 2021. If you have not yet done so, please complete the following sections of the agreement and send to Kristen Tirrell at TirrellK@ihn.org. A counter-signed copy will be returned to you for your records.

- Page 1: Enter practice name and the current date
- Page 12: Sign and date (with current date)
- Page 13: List each physician (MD, DO, DPM only) in your practice on Exhibit A
- Page 14: Complete an Exhibit B for each physician in your practice

Cures Act Information Blocking—New Requirements for Data Sharing

ONC's Cures Act Final Rule:

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) has taken actions to promote putting the patient in charge of their health records while discouraging information blocking. Putting patients at the center of their care increases transparency and empowers them to make improved decisions in their health outcomes.

Information Blocking:

The Cures Act Final Rule published on May 1, 2020 established policies to hold accountable those who restrict the availability and immediate release of Electronic Health Information (EHI). In general, information blocking is a practice, except required by law or specified by the Secretary of HHS, that is unreasonable and likely to interfere with access, exchange, or use of EHI. Compliance with this final rule takes effect on April 5, 2021.

What Data Needs to be Made Available for April 5, 2021?

United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) V1 Data Classes			
Allergies and Intolerances	Goals	Medications	Provenance
Assessment and Plan of Treatment	Health Concerns	Patient Demographics	Smoking Status
Care Team Member(s)	Immunizations	Problems	Unique Device Identifier(s)
Clinical Notes	Laboratory	Procedures	Vital Signs

What Should I Do Next as a Health Care Provider that Contributes to a Patient's Chart?

- Review and update existing Release of Information and HIPAA policies and procedures at your practice
- Coordinate with your EMR vendor to perform a USCDI evaluation. Assess and ensure USCDI data elements are available (unless covered by an exception)
- Implement/reinforce workflows necessary for data to flow downstream

Inspira is available to offer guidance on this topic. Please contact Derek Forbes at ForbesD1@ihn.org or Tiffany Taylor at TaylorT@ihn.org with questions.