NEWS ABOUT YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS THAT YOU CAN FEEL GOOD ABOUT.

**DO YOU GET FRUSTRATED BY THE AMOUNT OF PAPERWORK REQUIRED AT THE BEGINNING OF A DOCTOR VISIT?**
Have you had to pick up your X-rays or lab results from one doctor and take them with you to another?
Have you ever had a test repeated because results from the original procedure weren’t available?

13 pieces of paper generated by each visit

**ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS ARE ONE PART OF THE SOLUTION.**
Thanks to computer software that generates an Electronic Health Record (EHR, for short), paper is gradually giving way to digital documents that can quickly and easily be sent by one health care provider to another (with your permission, of course).

**DOCTORS ARE SEEING THE BENEFITS OF USING THESE SYSTEMS.**

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The North Carolina state-operated health information exchange, called NC HealthConnex, is a secure electronic network that facilitates conversations between authorized health care providers by allowing them to access and share health-related information statewide. This electronic health information is compiled by the North Carolina Health Information Exchange Authority (NC HIEA).

**DOCTOR ABLE TO IMPROVE DIAGNOSES**

**ER DOCTOR AND CARE TEAM ABLE TO QUICKLY ACCESS YOUR HEALTH HISTORY**

**LESS CHANCE OF HARMFUL DRUG INTERACTIONS**

**AVOIDANCE OR REDUCTION OF DUPLICATE MEDICAL TESTS**

**A NEW DOCTOR ABLE TO REVIEW YOUR HEALTH HISTORY PRIOR TO YOUR VISIT**

**DOCTOR WARNED OF POTENTIAL ALLERGIC REACTIONS**
Recently enacted legislation requires that as of February 1, 2018, all Medicaid providers must be connected to the NC HealthConnex in order to continue to receive payments for Medicaid services provided. By June 2018, all other state-funded health service providers must be connected. North Carolina is taking a holistic approach to reforming Medicaid and making it more efficient and effective for the 1.8 million individuals receiving Medicaid services. NC HealthConnex, you have the right to opt out. You can assert your right to opt out by downloading the opt out form at http://hiea.nc.gov/patients and sending your completed form to the NC HIEA.

**IT’S SAFE AND IT’S SECURE. IT HAS TO BE.**

For maximum protection of your privacy, NC HealthConnex is built with many security safeguards and protocols in place, including disclosure limitations, data encryption, user authentication and more.

And if you decide, for whatever reason, that you do not want your electronic health records to be shared by health care providers through NC HealthConnex, you have the right to opt out. You can assert your right to opt out by downloading the opt out form at http://hiea.nc.gov/patients and sending your completed form to the NC HIEA.

**TYPES OF DATA SHARED**

- Inpatient Admissions
- Discharge Information
- Diagnoses
- ER Reports
- Laboratory Results
- Radiology Reports
- Allergies
- Prescription Medications
- Procedures
- Problems
- Vital Signs
- Immunizations

**OUR MISSION**

is to connect health care providers to safely and securely share health information through a trusted network to improve health care quality and outcomes for North Carolinians.

**POWERING BETTER HEALTH CARE OUTCOMES**

NC HealthConnex will help ensure North Carolina's patients are receiving safe, integrated, high-quality, whole-person health care.

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