



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

**Effective Date: June 1, 2012**

The Washington Hospital (“Hospital”) participates in various regional Health Information Exchanges (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 a HIE, the Hospital may share certain of your health information with other providers that participate in the HIE (each a “Participating Provider”) 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 of a HIE 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 the Hospital that you do not wish for your health information to be available through a HIE (“Opt-Out”):**

- Health information that results from any Participating Provider providing services to you will be made available through HIEs in which Hospital participates. For clarity, if you Opt-Out, your health information will no longer be accessible through the HIEs in which Hospital participates. However, your opt-out does not affect health information that was disclosed through a HIE prior to the time that you opted out;
- Regardless of whether you choose to opt-out, your health information will still be provided to the HIEs in which Hospital participates. However, if you choose to Opt-Out, the HIEs 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 a 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 the Hospital.** A list of HIEs that the Hospital participates in is set forth below. A list of Participating Providers of each HIE may be found at:

 **ClinicalConnect**  
[www.clinicalconnecthie.com](http://www.clinicalconnecthie.com)