

LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE QUALITY FORUM

POLICY: : Access to LaHIE in accordance with HIPAA Privacy Rule	EFFECTIVE: 10-01-2011
DEPARTMENT: LHCQF; LaHIE	REVISED:

PURPOSE

To outline the protocol used to determine who has authorized access to LaHIE, both in data sharing and accessing the information.

PROCESS

1. Access to LaHIE will only be provided to Participant organizations that have a signed Participation Agreement and Business Associate Agreement with LHCQF and are authorized to access data in accordance with HIPAA Privacy Rule.
2. Data shared with LaHIE on behalf of Participants/Providers will only be used for treatment and/or business operations as outlined in the HIPAA Privacy Rule. This may include submitting Participant/Provider information for public health reporting or to health oversight agencies at the state and federal level, i.e. immunizations, syndromic surveillance, registries, etc.
3. Payers (Insurance Providers) will not be given access to LaHIE at this time.
4. As defined by the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Participants as covered entities may use LaHIE to facilitate the exchange of PHI to other health care providers for treatment purposes, after initiation of the business associate agreement.
5. LaHIE may also receive PHI and manage, as a business associate on behalf of Participants, a master patient index for purposes of identifying and linking all information about a particular individual. Disclosures to, and use of, LaHIE for such purpose is permitted as part of the Participant's health care operations.

APPROVAL:

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