

LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE QUALITY FORUM

POLICY: Information Subject to Special Protection	EFFECTIVE: 10-01-2011
DEPARTMENT: LaHIE/LHCQF/LHIT Resource Center	REVISED:

PURPOSE

This policy promotes the privacy principles of purpose specification and minimization, security safeguards and controls, use limitation, data integrity and quality, collection limitation, and individual participation and control, particularly as it facilitates individualized privacy protections by requiring Participants to heed any special protections of certain information set forth under applicable laws. IN complying with these special protections, Participants' collection, use and disclosure of health information is limited to legitimate purposes.

PROCESS

1. Some health information may be subject to special protection under federal, state, and/or local laws and regulations (e.g. substance abuse, mental health, and HIV).
2. Each Participant shall determine and identify what information is subject to special protection under applicable law prior to disclosing that information through LaHIE.
3. Each Participant is responsible for complying with such laws and regulations.
4. Sensitive patient health information, (e.g. HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, substance abuse, mental health conditions), that is shared with LaHIE is still restricted from access for most purposes. This information can only be accessed with patient's consent and under an "opening the privacy seal" access process and only by a clinician.
5. Sensitive patient information is applied based on specific blocked codes. *Refer to Orion listing of protected codes for the specific blocked codes.* This applies to:
 - i. Lab/Micro results (LOINC)
 - ii. Medications (RxNorm)
 - iii. Problems (ICD-9-CM)
 - iv. Encounters (Diagnosis ICD-9-CM Code)
 - v. Procedures (CPT codes)
6. The rules around who can see sensitive data:
 - i. Level 1 Provider – Privacy Sealed Access only
 - ii. All other users – No access.

APPROVAL:

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