

Privacy Act Notice for the Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Model

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Your health care provider participates in the **Accountable Health Communities Model**, a program that connects you with community and social service programs in addition to the health services you get from your health care provider. This includes programs that can help with housing, food, utilities, violence or transportation.

We need to collect information about you to connect you with the right programs. Information we collect includes your name, Medicare and/or Medicaid identification numbers, and contact information.

Sharing information is your choice

Sharing your information is your choice, and won't affect the services you get from your health care provider. If you decide not to provide your information, your health care provider may not be able to connect you with community and social services through this program. Information you give will never be used for immigration enforcement.

How your information is used

Your health care provider will share your information with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the agency that administers the Accountable Health Communities Model. CMS may need to share your information with others, including:

1. Other federal, state and local government agencies (such as the Department of Justice);
2. Your authorized representative, if you have one;
3. A person or company hired by CMS to do official work; and
4. Anyone else as required or allowed by law.

You can learn more about how CMS handles your information at: www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Aboutwebsite/Privacy-Policy.html.

In addition to being shared with CMS, your information will be shared with all organizations that are part of the AHC program led by the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers ("Camden Coalition"). A current list of participating organizations can be found online. The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers strives to communicate with our patients to help coordinate care through as part of AHC navigation services. At present, text messages from the Coalition are not encrypted and may be intercepted by others. Please be aware that standard text messaging rates may apply based on your plan with your cell phone carrier. You are responsible for notifying the Camden Coalition if you no longer want to receive text messages or you have changed your phone number. If you participate in navigation, information gathered

during the navigation engagement will only be shared with your healthcare providers with permission from you.

The Camden Coalition participates in an electronic health information sharing network which is operated by The Camden Coalition (“Camden HIE”). Through the Camden HIE, the Camden Coalition and other authorized health care providers, who are involved in your care and who also participate in the Camden HIE, can more efficiently share health information about you. Participation in the Camden HIE will allow your health care providers to access your screening information more quickly and obtain a more complete picture of your social and medical history. Providers outside of the Camden Coalition, who participate in the Camden HIE, will be able to view, but not change or delete your record. The Camden Coalition’s participation and operation of the Camden HIE is conducted in accordance with Federal and State privacy and security laws. Safeguards have been implemented to ensure security and prevent disclosure of your information to unauthorized individuals. The Camden Coalition’s Notice of Privacy Practices, is available on this webpage: <http://bit.ly/AHC-NPP>. If you do not want to participate in the Camden HIE please fill out the opt-out form here: <http://bit.ly/HIEform> or call (856) 365-9510 ext. 3020 or email CHIE@camdenhealth.org.

CMS is authorized to collect your information under Section 3021 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law No. 111-148), as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law No. 111-152). The Privacy Act System of Records Notice associated with this collection is the Master Demonstration, Evaluation, and Research Studies (DERS) for the Office of Research, Development and Information (ORDI), CMS System No. 09-70-0591, as amended, 72 Federal Register, 19705, Apr. 19, 2007. This statement provides the notice required by the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3)).