

Purpose: This policy defines the scope of the Individual opt-out regarding the permitted disclosure of Individual Protected Health Information in the event of a medical emergency within the context of ILHIE Connect.

Policy:

- 1.0 Emergency Access.** There is no ability to “break the glass” in Illinois for those Individuals who have opted out of ILHIE Connect. The ILHIE Authority does not authorize Participant opt-out overrides (also known as “breaking the glass”) in the case of a medical emergency for an Individual who has opted out of participation in ILHIE Connect.
- 2.0 Compliance.** Participants shall comply with these Policies and Procedures. The ILHIE Authority will monitor and enforce compliance with and adherence to these Policies and Procedures.
 - 2.1** Participant shall cooperate with the ILHIE Authority in its monitoring and enforcement of the Participant’s compliance with these Policies and Procedures.

Procedures:

- 1.0** The Opt-Out Form shall clearly state that Protected Health Information will not be available through ILHIE Connect, even in an emergency, for an Individual who opts out.
- 2.0** If a Participant or its Authorized User requests information through ILHIE Connect about an Individual who has opted out of ILHIE Connect in a medical emergency or in any other circumstance, a message will be sent to the querying Participant or Authorized User to the effect that there is “no information available” about that Individual.

Associated Policies and References

Enforcement

Resolution 2013-15 Recommendation on Break the Glass Policy to the Data Security and Privacy Committee of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority

Sanctions

Definitions
Authorized User
ILHIE Authority
ILHIE Connect
Individual

Opt-Out Form
Participant
Protected Health Information