



# ILHIE Connect Patient Participation

Understanding Your Choices for Sharing Your  
Health Information



# What is the ILHIE?



- The Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) is a statewide, secure network that allows your doctors and other health care providers to electronically share information about your health care.
- Federal and Illinois law requires your providers to keep your health information private in both electronic and paper form.



# What is ILHIE Connect?

- ILHIE Connect is a secure, confidential electronic network your providers can use to share your medical records.
- Medical records are gathered from multiple provider sources including primary care, hospitals, specialists and others.
- Medical records can include diagnoses, medications, allergies, lab reports, discharge summaries and more.
- ILHIE Connect can improve treatment by making it easier to coordinate care and share information, increasing efficiency and reducing the duplication of services.



# Who Can Access My Health Information and for What Purposes?

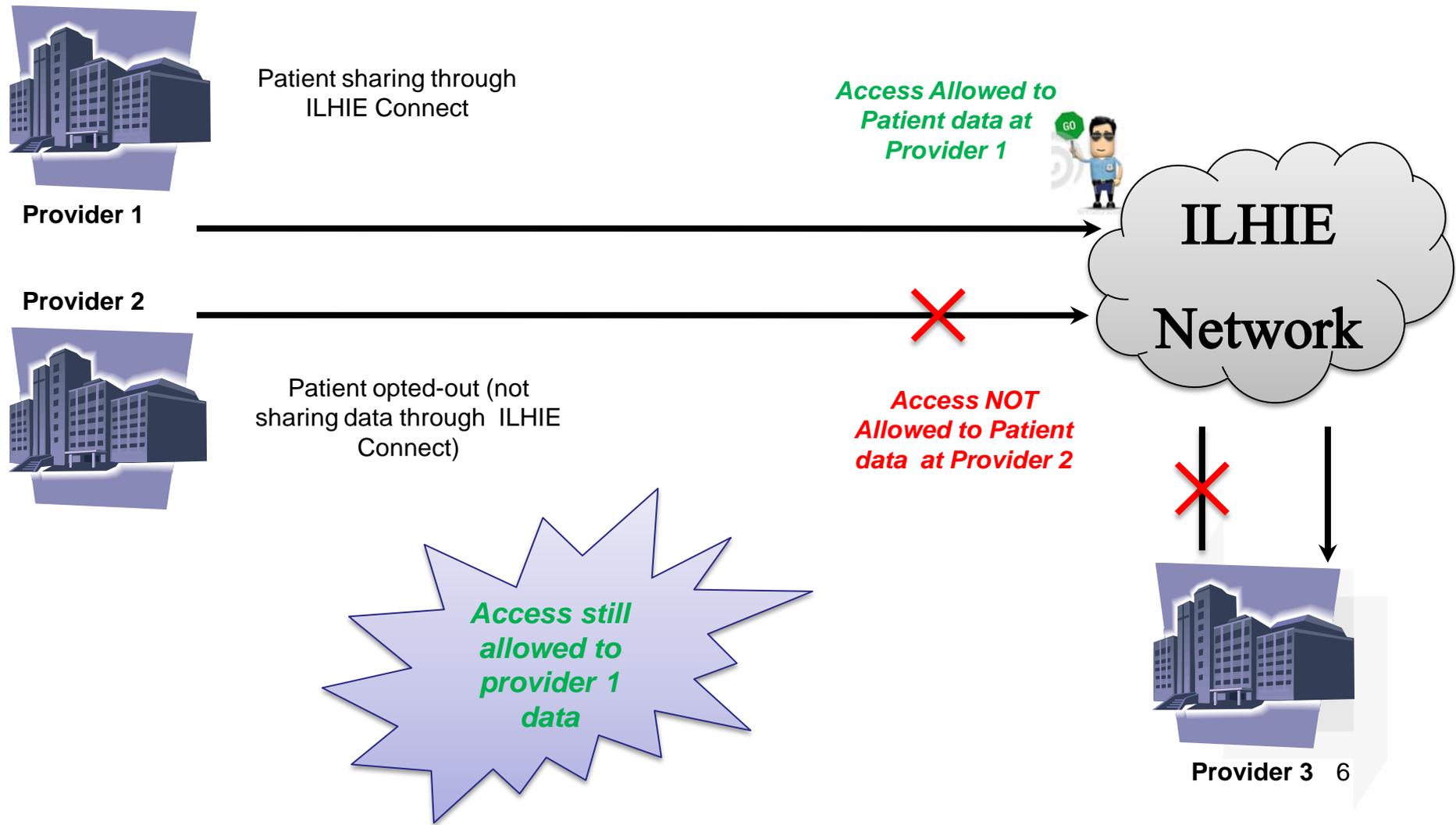
- Only your providers who are authorized ILHIE Connect Users and are involved in your health care can access your health information through ILHIE Connect.
- Users may only access your information for authorized purposes like assisting with treatment, payment and health care operations.
- ILHIE Connect tracks who views your health information and when.



# What if I Have Some Health Information That I Do Not Want to be Shared?

- ILHIE Connect shares all information each of your providers submits through the ILHIE. ILHIE Connect cannot prevent specific information in your record from being shared. The provider must be the one who limits the information shared, if possible.
- If you have health information that you do not want to be shared, you can opt out with the provider that holds that information to prevent that provider from sharing that health information through ILHIE Connect.

# How does Patient Participation Work?



# How Do I Opt Out of ILHIE Connect?

There are 2 ways to opt-out of ILHIE Connect.

1. Ask your health care provider for an “ILHIE Connect Opt-Out Form”

- Complete the form and give it to each of your health care providers who are ILHIE Connect Users,

OR

2. Visit the ILHIE website:

<http://www.illinois.gov/sites/ilhie/Pages/ILHIEPatientParticipation.aspx>

- Complete the form and have it signed by a notary public. Submit the notarized form to the ILHIE Authority

# I Opted Out of ILHIE Connect, but I Changed My Mind.

- You can change your mind and participate at any time.
  - Ask your health care provider for an “ILHIE Connect Opt-In Form,” or
  - Visit <http://www.illinois.gov/sites/ilhie/Pages/ILHIEPatientParticipation.aspx>
  
- Submit the completed form to each of your healthcare providers with whom you have opted out.

# ILHIE Contact Information



- For more information please visit our website:  
[www.ilhie.org](http://www.ilhie.org)
- Submit your notarized “Out-Out” form to the ILHIE Authority
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