

Fact Sheet for Patients

WHAT IS THE CAPITAL PARTNERS IN CARE (CPC) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE (HIE)?

The Capital Partners in Care (CPC) Health Information Exchange (HIE) manages an online **computer information system** that helps health care providers share your health records quickly and securely.

- ★ The CPC-HIE network is a **simple, fast, electronic way** for your healthcare provider to search for and find medical records at different locations where you have received treatment in the past.
- ★ The CPC-HIE allows the person caring for you to have a **full picture of your health** and to share new information with other providers in the network who care for you.
- ★ Your doctor or healthcare provider is a **member of the CPC Health Information Exchange** in D.C.

HOW DOES THE CPC-HIE MAKE MY CARE BETTER?

- ★ In emergencies: If you go to the emergency room and can't remember what medicines you are taking, the doctor can get that information immediately from the CPC-HIE to make better decisions about your treatment.
- ★ If you are pregnant: If you have to go to the hospital, the doctors and nurses at the hospital will be able to see a record of your pre-natal care, allowing them to make safer decisions.
- ★ Avoid taking lab tests more than one time: You just had lab tests at your doctor's office or health center. When you go to another participating health facility for care, the results of those lab tests may be available in the CPC-HIE so that you may not have to take those tests again.
- ★ Referrals: If you've been referred to a specialist, your medical records can be automatically sent.

WHO WILL LOOK AT MY MEDICAL RECORDS AND WHAT WILL BE SHARED?

- ★ A healthcare provider is anyone who is directly involved in your care and treatment. To look at your medical records, this licensed professional must:
 - Be an **authorized** member of the CPC-HIE.
 - Have a **treatment relationship** with you.
- ★ Basic information about you, lab results, procedure information, diagnoses and medications may be shared in the HIE. Federal, state, and DC laws are very specific about **privacy and confidentiality**. We strictly follow these laws. The CPC-HIE will not share your medical health information with anyone who is not involved in your care.
- ★ Please note that the CPC-HIE **blocks** access to information related to **substance abuse treatment data**. No **substance abuse treatment data** is shared with the CPC-HIE.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?

- ★ You have the right to **"opt out"** of sharing your records with health centers and hospitals participating in the CPC-HIE. Ask the staff at your provider's office for more information.