

CORHIO Health Information Exchange Governing Principles

1. Openness and Transparency

CORHIO supports a general policy of openness about developments, practices, and policies with respect to personal data and information. Patients and Participants should be able to know what information exists about Patients, the purpose of its use, who can access and use it, and where it resides. Patients should have safe, secure access to their personal health information in a usable format with the ability to share that information with others involved in their care.

2. Purpose Specification and Minimization

The purposes for which personal health information is exchanged should be specified at the time of information collection, and the subsequent use should be limited to those purposes or others that are specified on each occasion of change of purpose.

3. Information Limitation

Personal health information should only be exchanged for specified purposes, should be obtained by lawful and fair means and, where possible, with the knowledge or consent of the information subject.

4. Use Limitation

Personal health information should not be disclosed, made available, or otherwise used for purposes other than those specified.

5. Privacy Practices

Patients have rights regarding their personal health information, including but not limited to:

- CORHIO will establish privacy practices to enable patient participation and will require all participants to do the same.
- Patients should be able to obtain, from each entity that controls personal health information, verification of whether or not the entity has information relating to them.
- Patients should be able to access and request amendments to their personal health information through the Participant(s) where they receive their care, and Participants should comply with their regulatory obligations (e.g., HIPAA) in responding to such requests.
- No personal health information privacy or security rights or responsibilities are created or overridden by CORHIO.

6. Information Integrity and Quality

All personal health information provided to CORHIO for use on the CORHIO System should be accurate, current, and relevant to the purposes for which the information is to be used.

7. Security Safeguards and Controls

Personal health information should be protected by reasonable security measures, including administrative, physical, and technical safeguards, against such risks as loss or unauthorized access, destruction, inappropriate use, modification, or disclosure.

8. Accountability and Oversight

Entities in control of personal health information, including CORHIO and Participants, must be held accountable for implementing these information practices.

9. Security Breaches or Privacy Violations

CORHIO will continue to develop and maintain processes to address any suspected privacy or security breaches or privacy violations.

10. Compliance with Applicable Law & Support for Emerging Standards and Practices

CORHIO and its Participants will comply with all applicable Laws regarding the protection of personal data and information and will support emerging standards and best practices in the health information exchange field, to the extent technically feasible and practicable.