



TODAY'S DATE _____

OPT OUT

I do not want my health information shared electronically.

FULL NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX (M/F) _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER _____

SIGNATURE _____

If this form is signed by someone other than the person named above, the person signing the form hereby certifies that he/she is acting as: Parent Legal Guardian Other/specify relationship: _____ for the person named above.

Contact information for individual completing this form if other than patient (please print clearly)

PRINTED NAME _____ PHONE _____

To opt out, submit the competed form (above) to:

- Your physician's office, or
- **MAIL TO:** Calvert Health Information Exchange
c/o Calvert Memorial Hospital
100 Hospital Road, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or
- **FAX TO:** 410-535-8741

OTHER SUMMARIES

ALLERGY RECORDS

MEDICATION HISTORY

X-RAY REPORTS

LAB RESULTS

What information will be shared?

Your electronic health record (available to be shared with a participating physician) will include lab results, X-ray reports, diagnoses, medication histories and allergies along with hospital discharge and emergency room summaries and other pertinent data, but will not include sensitive information such as detailed mental health records restricted by state regulation.

Is my doctor connected?

At present, the local exchange includes 30 providers with a focus on primary care. Our goal is to have 80 connected by 2012, about half of whom will be specialists.

Can I choose to opt out from C-HIE?

Yes, by submitting the form (at right) to your physician's office or to the hospital. This means that participating doctors will not be able to search the Calvert Health Information Exchange (C-HIE) to get health information about you. However, even if you opt out, they will still be able to use other means such as phone calls, faxes, mail and referrals to obtain needed information.

You can also download the opt out form online at:

www.calverthospital.org

You will receive confirmation that your form has been received and processed.

What could happen if I choose to opt out?

In some instances, incomplete health information could result in an inaccurate diagnosis, an adverse medication event, an inadvertent allergic reaction, duplicative testing, additional expense, inconvenience and delays in care.

What is a health information exchange?

The C-HIE is a secure, electronic way for participating doctors to instantly access the medical information they need about you to provide faster, safer, high quality care.

Why is it important?

By using the C-HIE, your doctor can view recent lab results and other tests even if they were done at another location. Your care is not delayed while one office contacts another to get what they need.

How was this information shared before?

Previously, doctors would call, mail or fax each other the requested information but this process could take hours or even days.

What are the benefits?

By participating in the C-HIE, you are giving your doctor real-time access to your most recent health information. It also makes it easier to refer you to other specialists or hospitals and you can feel confident that your entire healthcare team knows what is happening with your care.

How is the information protected?

The new system is actually more secure than the old "paper shuffle." The Calvert Health Information Exchange (C-HIE) follows all state and federal laws (including HIPAA) to protect patient information. Only authorized medical professionals (directly involved in your care) may access this shared information.