Electronic Health Information Exchange (eHIE)

What is eHIE?

Electronic health information exchange (eHIE) allows doctors, nurses, pharmacists, other health care providers, and patients to access and securely share a patient's vital medical information electronically. Sharing electronic health information improves the speed, quality, safety, and cost of patient care.

Who is VHIE?

The Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) Program Office bridges the gap between VA and non-VA providers by overseeing electronic health information exchange technologies for VA patients. VHIE is the driving force that enables seamless care coordination between VA and non-VA providers.

Only non-VA providers and organizations that are a part of VA's approved, trusted network may receive your health information when they are treating you.

How do I opt out?

If you would prefer that VA not share your health information electronically, you must complete and submit **VA Form 10-10164** to your facility's Release of Information Office (ROI). You can also update your sharing preferences by signing into **My HealtheVet on VA.gov Medical Records** and scrolling down to find **Manage your electronic sharing settings**.

There is no deadline to opt out and you may do so at any time. If you previously opted out but want to resume secure, seamless sharing, you may also opt back in at any time by completing VA Form 10-10163 or updating your preferences on My HealtheVet on VA.gov Medical Records.

What happens if I opt out?

Choosing to opt out will not affect your access to care from non-VA providers. However, it could impact their ability to treat you effectively because they may not be able to receive paper copies of your record before you receive treatment.

Benefits of electronic health information sharing

The more information your health care providers have about your medical history, the more informed decisions they can make. In fact, the exchange of electronic health information can improve patient safety. Sharing your electronic health information can also help you avoid carrying paper copies of your health records between providers.

Scan the QR code to see which non-VA providers and organizations VA shares electronic health information with:

For more information, visit:

➤ VA.gov/VHIE

VA is committed to protecting your privacy and complies with all federal patient privacy laws, including, but not limited to, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).