VA Health Information Sharing

What is VHIE?
Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) works to give your health care providers a more complete view of your health record to help them make more informed treatment decisions. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), and other participating provider organizations on your care team can safely and securely request and receive electronic health information through a secure gateway called the Joint Health Information Exchange (Joint HIE). Participating provider organizations range from single-physician offices to multi-hospital systems outside of the federal health care systems (for example, DoD, VA, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s U.S. Coast Guard) that may provide care to VA patients.

VA only shares your electronic health information with participating provider organizations 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 may also submit this form online via My HealtheVet.

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.

What happens if I opt out?
Choosing to opt out will not affect your access to care from community 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.

For more information visit

VA.gov/VHIE

VA is committed to protecting your privacy. Only community health care providers and organizations that are a part of VA’s approved, trusted network may receive your health information.