

Information Available in the HIE

Q: Can I see my patients' sensitive health data such as drug and alcohol use, mental health conditions, or sexual health information?

A: If a patient gives consent to the Provider Organization or Health Plan named on the consent form, that provider may access ALL the patient's electronic health information available through HealthlinkNY.

More details:

The patient's health records may include a history of illnesses or injuries they have had (like diabetes or a broken bone), test results (like X-rays or blood tests), and lists of medicines they have taken. This information may relate to sensitive health conditions, including but not limited to:

- Alcohol or drug use problems
- Genetic (inherited) diseases or tests
- HIV/AIDS
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Mental health conditions
- Birth control and abortion (family planning)

If patients have received alcohol or drug use care, their records may include information related to the alcohol or drug use diagnoses, medications and dosages, lab tests, allergies, substance use history, trauma history, hospital discharges, employment, living situation and social supports, and health insurance claims history. HealthlinkNY's consent form is SAMHSA compliant, allowing the patient the choice to give providers access to his or her full medical record, thus improving quality and coordination of care. Providers can only see this information when a patient consents to the organization's access through the HealthlinkNY consent form. This includes information created before and after the date of this Consent Form.