

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
the
Office of the State Comptroller
and the
Department of Public Health Office of Health Care Access**

I. Purpose: The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish an agreement under which the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA) will share health information that is specified in Section III of this MOU with the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). The goal of the MOU is to enable the OSC to analyze this data in conjunction with operation of its Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) pilots and the Health Enhancement Program (HEP). The PCMH pilots are supporting primary care practice transformation through a) use of common health outcome metrics; b) payment reform mechanisms; and c) use of a decision information tool (DIT) to permit data sharing from and to providers. The HEP is a large-scale, value-based health initiative that seeks to enhance use of primary care by requiring 1) all active state employees and new retirees to seek age-appropriate physicals and screenings; and 2) those active state employees and new retirees who have been diagnosed with one or more of five identified disease states (asthma/COPD, diabetes, heart failure, hyperlipidemia, and hypertension) to participate in disease counseling programs with their physicians. The premise of both of the pilots and the initiative is that better coordinated primary preventive care will improve patients' knowledge of their health status and capability in managing chronic conditions, as well as preventing unnecessary hospitalizations and other costly acute care, thereby achieving both improved health outcomes and cost savings.

II. Authority: *An Act Concerning Health Care Reform*, Public Act 11-58, Section 12(e), amending Connecticut General Statutes Annotated § 19a-654.

III. Actions: To further the goal of this MOU, OHCA agrees to share with OSC the following health information:

A.

1. as authorized by C.G.S.A. § 19a-654(b), patient-identifiable inpatient discharge data and emergency department data that has been received by OHCA from each Connecticut short-term acute care general and children's hospital;
2. as authorized by C.G.S.A. § 19a-654(c), effective on or after July 1, 2015, data that has been received by OHCA pursuant to C.G.S.A. § 19a-634(c) from:
 - a. each Connecticut outpatient surgical facility, as defined by C.G.S.A. § 19a-493b;

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- b. each short-term acute care general or children's hospital; and
- c. each facility that provides outpatient surgical services as part of the outpatient surgery department of a short-term acute care hospital; such information to include:
 - i. the name and location of the facility;
 - ii. the type of facility;
 - iii. the hours of operation;
 - iv. the type of services provided at that location;
 - v. the total number of clients, treatments, patient visits, procedures performed and scans performed in a calendar year.

IV. Confidentiality: OSC agrees to comply with all applicable Federal and state laws and regulations, including § 12(d) of Public Act 11-58 and those regarding the confidentiality of health information and the release of such information to the public. Specifically, but not exclusively, OSC will comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. 1301, the Connecticut Insurance Information and Privacy Protection Act, and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §§ 19a-7-1 – 19a-7-2.

V. Termination: This MOU can be terminated by either party upon issuance of written notice to the other party of not less than thirty (30) working days before the proposed termination date. This notice period may, upon mutual written consent of both parties to the MOU, be waived.

VI. Severability: If any terms or condition of the MOU becomes invalid or unenforceable, such term or provision shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other term of provision contained herein.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE
OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
STATE COMPTROLLER

Please identify appropriate signator

Kevin Lembo
Comptroller

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