

# 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.

## BENEFITS OF INFORMATION SHARING

The more information your health care providers have about your medical history, the more informed decisions they can make. In fact, the instant exchange of electronic health information can dramatically improve patient safety, especially in emergency situations. 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 participating partner organizations VA shares electronic health information with:



For more information visit

[VA.gov/VHIE](https://www.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.*

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