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What is a Health Information Exchange?

A Health Information Exchange, or HIE, is a way of sharing your health information among participating doctors' offices, hospitals, care coordinators, labs, radiology centers, health plans and other health care providers through secure, electronic means. The purpose is so that each of your participating healthcare providers can have the benefit of the most recent information available from your other participating providers when taking care of you.

As a patient of Eastern Plains Medical Clinic, you automatically "opt-in" and your medical records are electronically shared with your participating healthcare providers.

If you choose to "opt-out" of participation in the HIE, your healthcare providers will not be able to search for your health information through the HIE. Your physician or other treating providers will still be able to select the HIE to receive your lab results, radiology reports, and other data sent directly to them that they may have previously received by fax, mail, or other electronic communications. Additionally, in accordance with the law, public health reporting, such as the reporting of infectious diseases to public health officials, will still occur through the HIE even after you decide to opt out. Controlled and Dangerous Substances (CDS) information, as part of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), will continue to be available through the HIE to providers.

If you choose to "opt-out" you will need to complete the necessary form, which only needs to be completed once to opt out of the HIE; it is not necessary to complete for each provider. Please speak with any receptionist at your next visit to complete the necessary paperwork.