



# HIE & You

## Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP)

Consumer Focus Group

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# Agenda

- Introductions
- Purpose of the Focus Group
- Presentation
- Dialogue & Feedback
  - Topics 1 & 2



The term "health information exchange" (HIE) means two things:

- Sharing health information over the Internet between organizations
- An organization that provides the services for sharing health information over the Internet

## A Transport Network for Sharing Protected Health Information

Secure, effective, and  
efficient exchange of  
health information in  
compliance with state  
and federal standards,  
laws, and regulations



# Consumer/Patient Centered Care



- A safer and more secure way for health care providers to share information with each other and with you the patient
- Reduces the paperwork every time you visit a new provider
- Gives you the tools to be more active in your own healthcare



# The Role of Behavioral Health



- Improves your health outcomes
- Improves your care
- Is important to helping the roll-out of HIE



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- Illinois is 1 of 5 states to be funded for this project.
- It's important that behavioral health is part of ILHIE because...
  - Behavioral health is important to overall health
  - Care coordination improves quality of care
  - Your information is available – as long as you give your permission – for treatment planning

# Three Laws Protecting Your Health Records

- General Medical (HIPAA – federal)
- Mental Health Confidentiality (state)
- Substance Use (42 CFR Part 2 - federal)



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- Illinois must update the mental health confidentiality law to work better with federal law (HIPAA)
  - The consent process needs to be clearer for practitioners to coordinate care
  - Better care coordination can occur when conflicting laws are harmonized
  - Penalties exist for health care providers who misuse your health information



- Right now: you sign a consent form allowing your mental health information to be shared with your doctors
- After the changes: you will be able to...
  1. Choose to have all your health information sent by the HIE
  2. If not, you can choose to have some of your information sent by fax/U.S. Mail
  3. Decline to share any of your information



- You will be given the choice to have your health information shared via the health information exchange (ILHIE)
- Patients with mental health information on their health record will have an *additional* choice to protect their records...
  1. Either have some of your information sent by fax/U.S. Mail ....OR
  2. Decline to share any of your information



# For Discussion – Topic #1

- Please tell us what you think about having your doctor communicate with your mental health provider on improving your health
- ...your substance use treatment provider...



## For Discussion – Topic #2

- Please tell us what you think is important about your right to release your mental health information to a physician or specialist
- ...your right to release your substance use treatment information...



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