



Use Case: Office of Emergency Medical Services Access to ULP for Quality Assurance

Overview

WV DHHR Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) has requested access to the WVHIN Unified Landing Page (ULP) for protocol quality assessment and improvement. Such public health activities are authorized by W. Va. Code § 55-7B-9c(m)(3) and W. Va. C.S.R. § 64-27-10.2.

Permitted Purpose Category

For quality assessment and improvement activities as authorized by law, as defined in HIPAA as a subset of health care operations activities.

Technical Design

Technical capability exists.

Use Case Description

Designated OEMS staff will access the portal to conduct audits for Performance Improvement and Quality Assurance (QA). Typically, cases including ST Elevation Myocardial Infarctions, Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke) cases that might require tPA, and Cardiac Arrest/ Critical Care cases are the subject of investigation. Request for initial access is limited to the OEMS State Medical Director, Director of Designation and Categorization (Trauma and Stroke), Designation and Registry Coordinators (Designation of Trauma Center levels) and the Deputy Medical Director of Trauma.

Opt-Out Applicability

Any patient that opts out of WVHIN will not have their data made available for quality improvement activities.

Eligible Participants

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Approval

This Use Case Policy has been approved by the WVHIN Clinical Committee during the meeting held on January 25, 2019 and approved by the Board of Directors during the meeting held April 26, 2019.