



Use Case: Public Health Officials Access to ULP for Disease Investigations

Overview

Public Health Officials are authorized by law pursuant to W. Va. Code § 16-1-6(b) and (g), and §16-2-11(a)(1)(iii) to perform Disease Investigations for many reportable conditions. The WVHIN would like to make its clinical data available to disease investigators to enhance the accuracy and efficiency of their investigation.

Permitted Purpose Category

For a Public Purpose, as authorized by Applicable Law and consistent with the mission of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) to advance the health and wellness of patients in the WVHIN service area.

Technical Design

Technical capability exists.

Use Case Description

Disease Investigators tasked with gathering important detailed information for conditions such as Clostridium Difficile and Tuberculosis, spend considerable time with data collection. From calling patients, to obtaining medical records from hospitals and practices, providing access to the WVHIN's Unified Landing Page (ULP) will prove valuable. The WV Bureau of Public Health and Local Health Departments will select disease investigators to obtain access to the ULP for the express purpose of viewing lab data (PCR, Microbiology results), prior visit history (to understand where patients have sought care), care team information, and perhaps more up-to-date demographic information (address, phone number, etc).

Opt-Out Applicability

Any patient that opts out of WVHIN will not have their data made available in the Unified Landing Page.

Eligible Participants

West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Public Health and Local Health Departments.

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.