

21st Century Cures Act

Summary of Information Blocking

Summary: The 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act) is intended to facilitate requests for electronic medical records returned in an electronic format. In part, the Cures Act prohibits information blocking. This means that Munson Healthcare cannot knowingly interfere with access, exchange, or use of electronic health information by those with a valid, legal right to request information including, but not limited to, patient, payer, provider, or insurance.

The Cures Act requires that if we are unable to supply the requested electronic health information in the specific electronic format requested, the requester must be notified in writing **within 10 days** of their request.

When: April 5, 2021

Why the change: To improve continuity of patient care, promote patient safety and empower patients to be involved in their care by having access to their electronic health information in an electronic format.

Who's Affected: All Munson Healthcare locations and employed providers

Support: Munson Healthcare Health Information Management (HIM) at 231-935-6350.

What Electronic Health Information is Included

The Cures Act requires the following data elements be made available in an electronic format upon request unless the requirements of an exception available under the Cures Act regulations are met.

U.S. Core Data for Interoperability Standard			
Allergies and Intolerances* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substance (Medication) Substance (Drug Class) Reaction 	Patient Demographics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Name Last Name Previous Name Middle Name Suffix Birth Sex Date of Birth Race Ethnicity Preferred Language Current Address* Previous Address* Phone Number* Phone Number Type* Email Address* 	Problems	Vital Signs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diastolic Blood Pressure Systolic Blood Pressure Body Height Body Weight Heart Rate Respiratory Rate Body Temperature Pulse Oximetry Inhaled Oxygen Concentration BMI Percentile (2 – 20 Years)* Weight-for-length Percentile (Birth – 36 Months)* Head Occipital-frontal Circumference Percentile (Birth - 36 Months)*
Assessment and Plan of Treatment		Procedures	
Care Team Members		Smoking Status	
Clinical Notes* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation Note Discharge Summary Note History & Physical Imaging Narrative Laboratory Report Narrative Pathology Report Narrative Procedure Note Progress Note 		Health Concerns	
Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient Goals 	Laboratory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests Values/Results 	Immunizations	
	Medications	Unique Device Identifier(s) for a Patient's Implantable Device(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique Device Identifier(s) for a Patient's Implantable Device(s) 	Provenance* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Author Time Stamp Author Organization

If asked or approached regarding a request for electronic health information to be provided in a specific electronic format, see below on Handling a Request for Electronic Health Information in a Specific Electronic Format.

Reference Information:

<https://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/>

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Process for electronic health information requests

If asked or approached regarding a request for electronic health information to be provided in a specific electronic format, do the following:

- If the requester has not already submitted a valid request have the patient complete **Request Form #0525**, Authorization for Release of information: [Form Found Here](#).
 - Effective immediately, all MHC entities and providers, including hospitals, ambulatory offices, home care, hospice, PT/OT/speech, and long-term care, should use Munson Healthcare Form #0525 'Authorization for Release of Health Information'. This form has been revised to identify requests for electronic health information which would be subject to Munson Healthcare's Health Information Management and Information Technology workflows put in place to comply with the information blocking portions of the Cures Act.
 - Digital copies can be found [here](#) or by searching for form number '0525'.
 - Munson Healthcare cannot deny or refuse a request if the valid request is submitted using a different form.
 - **Forward Request to Record Connect** at Email: munson@recordconnect.com or Phone: (231) 252-0652; Fax: (231) 252-0693. If you have an urgent question, call Munson Medical Center Health Information Management at (231) 935-6350.

Additional Information

- To read more about the 21st Century Cures Act, [click here](#).
- Do not automatically deny a patient's request to receive their health information in an electronic format. Munson Healthcare locations must follow the Health Information Management and Information Technology workflows.