

**Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record Health Information Exchange Initiative
Opt-Back-In Letter Template**

Please mail completed Letter to: DHA/HIT/OPT-OUT(IN)
7700 Arlington Blvd
Suite 5101
Falls Church, VA 22042

Patient Name	Patient Date of Birth	Patient DoD ID Number
Enter full name of patient as it appears on the DoD Identification Card.	Enter patient's date of birth	Enter patient DoD ID Number, Locate the "date of issue" on the back of the ID Card. If the "date of issue" is after 2010, then the "DoD ID Number" is on the front of the ID card. Individuals who have a common access card may also locate the DoD ID number through the Military Connect website at https://pki.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect .

I would like to Opt Back In to share my healthcare information with non-Military Health System healthcare providers electronically through eHealth Exchange.

- I wish to cancel my previous Opt Out request and participate in eHealth Exchange. This request supersedes any previously dated requests.
- I understand that it may take up to ten business days upon HIE receiving this request to be implemented.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

If you are not the patient or parent, please send copy of Power of Attorney document with this form.

I would like confirmation by E-mail Phone

Contact Information

This statement serves to inform you of the purpose for collecting the personal information requested above and how it will be used.
AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. Chapter 55, Medical and Dental Care; 32 CFR Part 199, Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) **PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):** This request is being used to record your choice to Opt Out, or change your prior choice and Opt Back In. By choosing to Opt Out, you are restricting the Military Health System (MHS) from electronically sharing your personal and healthcare information through the eHealth Exchange with non-MHS healthcare providers who treat you. Active Duty Members, Reservists and National guard are not able to Opt Out **ROUTINE USE(S):** Use and disclosure outside of Department of Defense (DoD) of information you provide below may occur in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, which incorporates the DoD Blanket Routine Uses at: <http://dpclid.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/BlanketRoutineUses.aspx>
DISCLOSURE: Voluntary. If you intend to Opt Out of electronic sharing, or to reverse that choice and Opt Back In, your intent will not be recognized unless you submit this request.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Health Information Exchange (HIE)?

Electronic Health Information Exchange (HIE) allows your participating healthcare providers from different healthcare delivery organizations to appropriately access and securely share your healthcare information. Using HIE, healthcare information can follow you whenever and wherever it is needed. HIE makes it possible for the various providers involved in your care to gain access to the same information.

How secure is HIE?

HIE protects the privacy and security of your healthcare information by following the rules set in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. The HIPAA Privacy Rule provides federal protections for individually identifiable health information and gives patients' rights about that information. The Privacy Rule permits the sharing of health information for patient care and other important purposes. The Security Rule lists administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that must be used to protect the privacy and security of your healthcare information.

What is VLER HIE and the eHealth Exchange?

VLER HIE is an initiative to share parts of the DoD medical record electronically, safely, and privately. VLER Health securely shares your health information between participating healthcare providers who have joined the eHealth Exchange, which is a national HIE.

What are the benefits of VLER HIE and the eHealth Exchange?

Access to your medical history is very important to the healthcare providers caring for you. Using eHealth Exchange, your healthcare providers have a more complete view of your health record. This allows you and your healthcare team to make informed decisions for your health. Through the eHealth Exchange, your healthcare providers can share information on your prescribed medications, allergies, illnesses, laboratory and radiology results and past medical history and procedures.

What does it mean to Opt Back In?

When you opt back in, healthcare providers should have access to important healthcare information about you when you visit a medical facility connected with the eHealth Exchange and participating with the Military Health System.

What is the downside of choosing not to participate (Opting Out) of VLER HIE and eHealth Exchange?

"WARNING!" - If you have opted out, in the case of an emergency where you may be unconscious, your healthcare providers may not have immediate and complete access to important healthcare information necessary to save your life.