Central PA Connect
HEALTH INFORMATION | EXCHANGE

Policy Title:	Permitted Use Cases				
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POLICY PURPOSE:
This policy summarizes permitted uses of Central PA Connect (CPC) data.

POLICY STATEMENT:
The Central PA Connect Health Information Exchange (HIE) empowers members to securely access and utilize health data for specific, approved purposes. These permitted uses are detailed in this policy.

Currently, members may use CPC's data for the following key purposes:

- Treatment: Enhancing patient care by accessing relevant health records.
- Individual Access: Connecting an individual to their own health records.
- Social Care: Enhancing patient care by accessing relevant social care referrals.
- Encounter Notifications: Alerting when a patient has a significant healthcare event, such as admission, discharge, or transfer (ADT), for coordination and continuity of care.

To safeguard the integrity and privacy of patient information, CPC monitors all activity across its network. Every transaction, including access to individual patient records, is logged in an audit trail that records the time and purpose. This robust oversight ensures all data usage aligns with the permitted purposes outlined in the Participation Agreement.

APPLICABILITY/SCOPE/EXCLUSION:
The policy is applicable to all Central PA Connect Member Organizations and any individual designated to use the services.

DEFINITIONS:

"Encounter Notification" refers to the electronic transmission of alerts when a patient has a significant healthcare event, such as admission, discharge, or transfer (ADT), to authorized providers and care teams for coordination and continuity of care.

"Individual Access" refers to a patient viewing and directing access to their own health and social care records.

"Social Care" in this context means the identification and coordination of services addressing health related social needs (HRSNs) through screening, referral, and follow-up with CBOs. These are nonmedical factors (e.g., food insecurity, housing instability, transportation barriers) that influence health outcomes.

"**Treatment**" means the provision, coordination, or management of health care and related services by one or more health care providers, including the coordination or management of health care by a health care provider with a third party; consultation between health care providers relating to a patient; or the referral of a patient for healthcare from one health care provider to another as used, for example, in 45 C.F.R. § 164.501.

PROCEDURE: N/A

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES: N/A

REVIEW AND VIOLATIONS: N/A

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: N/A

APPENDICES: N/A

FORMS: N/A

REFERENCES: N/A