HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE IN PA
HOW IT WORKS TO IMPROVE YOUR CARE

1. The patient goes to a health care provider.

2. The health care provider requests patient medical records through its health information organization, or HIO.

3. The HIO sends the request via the PA Patient & Provider Network, or P3N, to other P3N-connected HIOs, which locate the needed patient information from their member providers.

4. The retrieved patient medical record is forwarded to the requesting HIO which sends it through the P3N to the requesting health care provider.

The PA Patient & Provider Network, or P3N, improves and coordinates your care by helping your health care provider find your medical records — in real time — anywhere on the P3N network.

To protect the security of your health information, the P3N network does not store your health records. It simply finds and moves your up-to-date health information between the providers who have it and the providers who need it.

If you are seen by a provider participating with a P3N-connected HIO, your health information will be available to other providers who are involved in your care and participating in a P3N-connected HIO. However, if you don’t want to share your information, you may opt out.

Go to eHealth Information for Citizens for more information about your consent options in the P3N.