WHAT IF I DON'T WANT MY HEALTH INFORMATION SHARED IN THE P3N?

Your health information is automatically included in the **P3N** if your provider is connected. However, you may opt out of the sharing of your information in the **P3N**. To opt out, complete and sign an opt-out form; it's online at **www.paehealth.org**.

Return the form to your healthcare provider or the Authority. The Authority maintains the statewide Opt-Out Registry; your opt-out choice will be added to the registry within five days after the form is received. Once you are in the Opt-Out Registry, providers connected to the **P3N** who search for your health information will be told that you have opted out. If you change your mind, you may opt back in by using the same form.

Health information about you that already is being electronically stored or shared outside the **P3N**—such as for information held in the health system that is treating you, public health reporting, or payment-related communications between your provider and insurer—will not be changed by your opting out of the **P3N**.

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IMPROVING YOUR CARE THROUGH THE SECURE EXCHANGE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

A GUIDE FOR PATIENTS

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WHY IS MY HEALTH INFORMATION IMPORTANT?

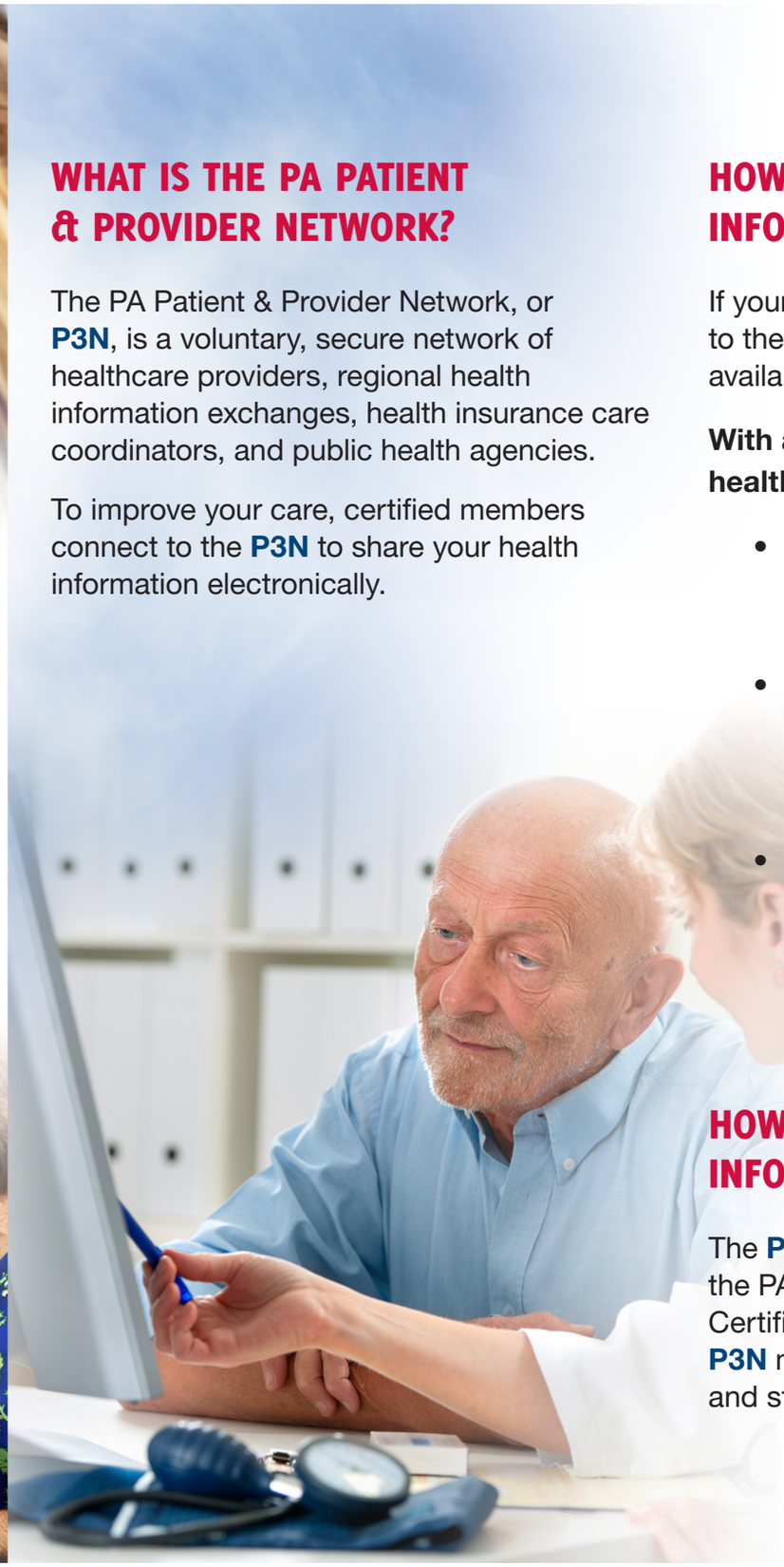
Each time you see your healthcare provider for an exam, test, drug, or other procedure, **vital health information** about you is collected.

When you see a new provider (a specialist, perhaps, or go to the hospital), your past medical information should be **quickly available**.

WHAT IS THE PA PATIENT & PROVIDER NETWORK?

The PA Patient & Provider Network, or **P3N**, is a voluntary, secure network of healthcare providers, regional health information exchanges, health insurance care coordinators, and public health agencies.

To improve your care, certified members connect to the **P3N** to share your health information electronically.



HOW IS MY HEALTH INFORMATION SHARED?

If your healthcare provider is connected to the **P3N**, your health information is available to other certified **P3N** providers.

With a more complete picture of your health history, there are many benefits:

- **Better and faster** care through closer coordination among providers.
- **Safer** for you, because your provider can give you the right treatment and prevent dangerous medication errors.
- **Lower costs** to you and the healthcare system, as unneeded or duplicate tests are avoided.

HOW IS MY HEALTH INFORMATION PROTECTED?

The **P3N** is a secure network run by the PA eHealth Partnership Authority. Certified members connecting to the **P3N** must follow all applicable federal and state privacy laws.