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

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The patient goes to a healthcare provider.

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

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.

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

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P3N PA PA PRIVATE & PROTECTED

The **PA Patient & Provider Network**, or **P3N**, improves and coordinates your care by helping your healthcare 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 **www.paehealth.org/consent** for more information about your consent options in the P3N.

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