



# Immunizations Implementation Guide

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of Data Exchange Solution

*The Immunizations data exchange solution describes the requirements for healthcare providers to use the health information network (HIN) to automatically, electronically send immunization records through a state's Department of Health (DoH - in Michigan the Department of Health and Human Services).*

"Vaccines have been hailed as one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th Century. Nearly 20 million cases of infectious diseases and 42,000 deaths are averted every year in the United States through vaccination."

Immunizations must be closely monitored to ensure they are administered correctly and in a timely fashion. Healthcare providers (including pharmacies) in Michigan are required to report immunizations to the state immunization information system (IIS) within 72 hours of administration.

"Vaccines are the most economical health interventions known to man. For every \$1 spent on each of the eleven vaccines given routinely to children, our country saves \$10.10 in medical costs by averting costs to treat diseases."

Immunizations are vital to the maintenance of public health due to their power to help prevent and sometimes eradicate deadly diseases and potential epidemics. A state immunization information system (IIS) is a confidential, population-based, computerized database that records all immunization doses administered by participating providers to persons residing within a given geopolitical area.

An IIS also benefits health care organizations, schools, licensed childcare programs, pharmacies and citizens by consolidating immunization information from multiple providers into a comprehensive immunization record. This consolidation reduces vaccine-preventable diseases and over-vaccination, allowing providers to view up-to-date patient immunization history in one system.

At the *point of clinical care*, an IIS provides consolidated immunization histories for use by a vaccination provider in determining appropriate client vaccinations.

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At the *population level*, an IIS provides aggregate data on vaccinations for use in surveillance and program operations, and in guiding public health action with the goals of improving vaccination rates and reducing vaccine-preventable disease.

In Michigan, the statewide IIS is part of the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR), which was created in 1998 to collect reliable immunization information for children and make it accessible to authorized users. A 2006 change to the Michigan Public Health Code enabled the MCIR to transition from a childhood immunization registry to a lifespan registry including citizens of all ages.

This data exchange solution aids in providing current and correct administration of vaccinations and can help healthcare providers ensure that all necessary vaccinations are provided to patients on a correct schedule by helping maintain a record of all immunizations administered. The adoption of this data exchange solution also ensures compliance with Meaningful Use legislation, which requires the ability for healthcare providers to communicate immunizations electronically with a public health agency.

## 1.2 Message Content

The Use Case Exhibit (UCE) for this data exchange solution defines message content as all data as defined in the Implementation Guide containing Immunizations.

For the purposes of implementation of this data exchange solution, Message Content means an Unsolicited Vaccination Update (VXU) HL7 2.x conforming message.

The current message formats supported by the IIS are HL7 v2.5.1 (preferred) and HL7 v2.3.1. Future versions of HL7 messages may be implemented and supported in the future, such as the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR). For more information on FHIR, refer to this website:

<http://www.hl7.org/implement/standards/fhir>

# 1.3 Data Flow

## 1.3.1 Functional Data Flow



**Figure 1. Immunizations Data Flow**

In this data exchange solution, MiHIN brokers the transport of messages to and from trusted data sharing organizations (TDSOs), called participating organizations in the diagram below.

## 2. Onboarding

### 2.1 Prerequisites

Participating organizations should begin two parallel onboarding tracks simultaneously:

- Obtain, review, and execute legal agreements, and
- Establish technical transport and testing.

#### 2.1.1 Universal Legal Prerequisites

The following legal documentation will need to be executed prior to any connectivity being established between MiHIN and participating organizations.

- Statement of Work (SOW)
- MiHIN's Exhibit A Agreement (Found on the MiHIN Legal Portal)
- Participant Agreement (Found on the MiHIN Legal Portal)
- Must select the appropriate data exchange solution (Immunizations) on the MiHIN legal portal in addition to the above agreements.

To initiate the legal onboarding contact, email [help@mihin.org](mailto:help@mihin.org).

#### 2.1.2 Technical Requirements

The following data exchange solution implementations and technical requirements will need to be conducted for (Name of the Data Exchange Solution) to function.

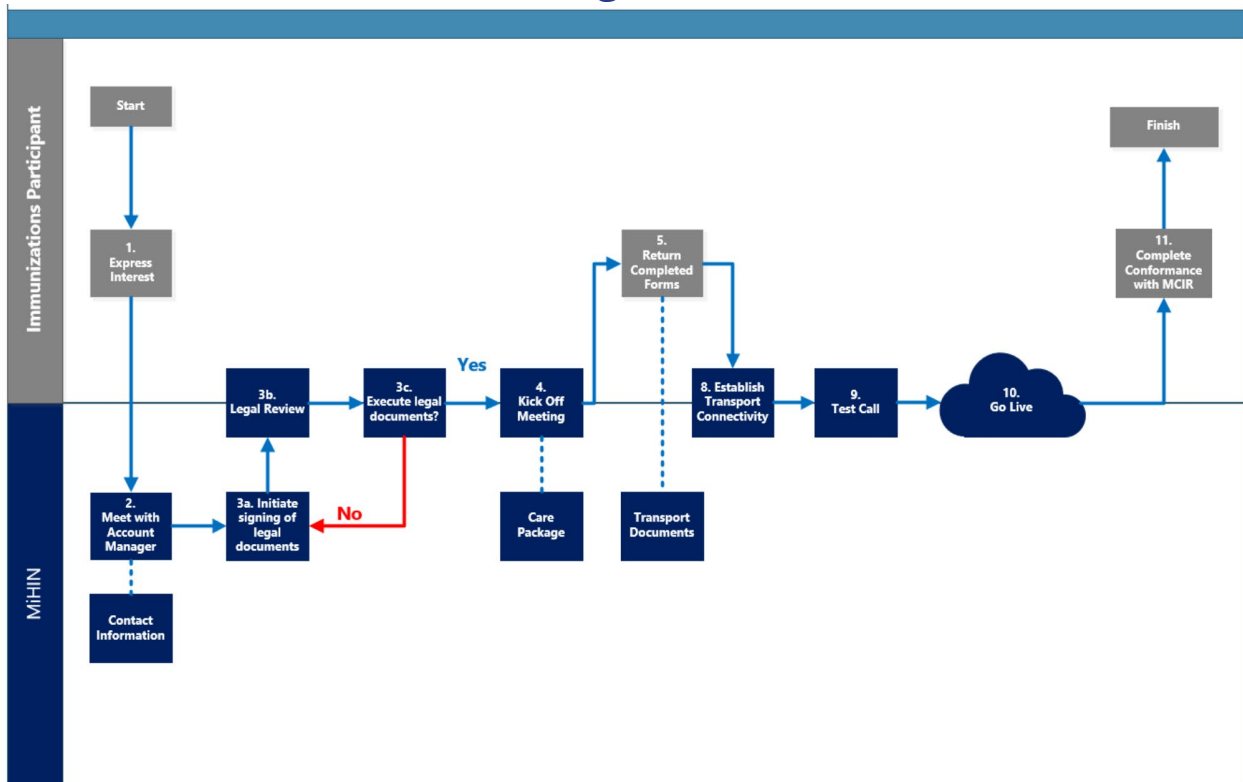
##### 2.1.2.1 Data Exchange or Application Requirements

There are no data exchange or application participation requirements for this data exchange solution

##### 2.1.2.2 Other Requirements

- Organizations will be need to be able to generate and send Immunizations messages (VXU) via VPN or DSM connection. This is described in greater detail in section 2.3.
- Organizations will need to be able to receive Acknowledgements via VPN or DSM and ingest them into their system.
- Organizations will need to meet minimum conformance requirements as set by the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR).

## 2.2 Immunizations Onboarding Process



**Figure 2 Immunizations Onboarding Workflow**

- Express interest in participating in the use data exchange solution
- Meet with Account Manager
  - Exchange contact information
- Legal Review
- Execute legal documents
- Kick Off Meeting
- Distribute Immunizations Care Package
- Exchange required documents
  - Transport Document
    - VPN Request Form or,
    - DSM Request Form
- Testing
- Go Live
- Work with MCIR to establish Message Conformance



## 2.3 Technical Connectivity Process

MiHIN considers itself “transport agnostic” and offers multiple options for organizations to establish technical connectivity to transport data to HIN. Organizations should select one or more connectivity methods for message transport based on their technical capabilities and should communicate the selection(s) to [www.mihin.org/requesthelp](http://www.mihin.org/requesthelp) early in the onboarding process. Currently the ONLY transport methods the HIN accepts are:

- **LLP over IPsec VPN** – Lower-Layer Protocol over Internet Protocol Security Virtual Private Network
- **DSM** – Direct Secure Messaging

For VPN connectivity two VPNs are required. A primary VPN will facilitate regular traffic. A secondary will be established for fail-over purposes.

Additional transport methods may be added in the future. These can include NwHIN, XCA, FHIR, and others.

The following steps describe the technical onboarding process. However, MiHIN typically conducts “onboarding kickoff” meetings with new organizations to go through each of these steps in detail and answer any questions.

1. The organization selects one or more supported transport methods and establishes connectivity with MiHIN. This step varies based on the method selected:
  - a. **LLP over IPsec VPN** – MiHIN’s site-to-site VPN request form must be completed, sent and approved by MiHIN. Send a request via [www.mihin.org/requesthelp](http://www.mihin.org/requesthelp) to obtain the VPN request form. A pre-shared key is then exchanged between the organization and MiHIN to initialize the connection. The LLP over IPsec VPN is the most efficient transport for very high volumes of messages.
  - b. **Direct Secure Messaging** – MiHIN accepts Direct Secure Messages from Health Internet Service Provider (HISPs) that have EHNAC-DTAAP (DirectTrust) accreditation. Test messages are sent to verify HISP connectivity (“ping pong”). The Message Header section in the test messages is verified for appropriate routing configurations.
2. Test messages are sent by the organization to MiHIN.

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- a. All test messages must have a "T" in the Message Header – field 11
  - b. Test traffic is routed via MiHIN to the appropriate destination. For Immunizations, the destination is MCIR via MDHHS.
  - c. The end destination monitors for inbound test traffic and confirms receipt with MiHIN, which confirms with the onboarding organization.
3. For the Immunizations Data Exchange Solution, the IIS deems the sending facility to have entered Data Quality Assurance Status (DQA) once they have successfully received a properly formatted message from the sending facility via the organization through MiHIN.
  - a. Until completion of the DQA process, sending facilities should continue to dually send their immunizations through MiHIN as well as continuing to send using any current method.
4. The IIS declares the sending facility to be at Production Status after another period of successful testing and exiting DQA status.
  - a. At this time, the sending facility may then send production messages through the organization to MiHIN. The sending facility now places a "P" (for Production) value in the MSH-11 instead of the "T" used during testing.

### *2.3.1 Onboarding Additional Sending Facilities*

When an organization wishes to onboard additional sending facilities, those facilities must first register with the IIS. Once successful, the registration information from the IIS, including the Facility ID Number, must be submitted to [www.mihin.org/requesthelp](http://www.mihin.org/requesthelp). The new sending facility should then begin sending test messages to the IIS in the same fashion as the initial facility as detailed in section 3.1.2, making sure that to place a "T" value in MSH-11. The IIS deems the sending facility to be in DQA and eventually Production Status.

For specific information regarding testing with the IIS, refer to the MCIR HL7 Implementation Guide:

<https://www.mcir.org/hl7-landing-page/hl7-3/>

# 3 Specifications

## 3.1 Overview

### 3.1.1 Environments

- MiHIN Pre-Production
- MiHIN Production
- MCIR Production

## 3.2 General Message Requirements

For general rules that apply to the entire message, refer to the MCIR HL7 Implementation Guide located at:

<https://www.mcir.org/hl7-landing-page/hl7-3/>

### 3.2.1 Message Trigger Events

The HL7 message type for Immunizations is VXU and the trigger event is V04.

### 3.2.2 Submission via Direct Secure Messaging

C-CDA files that are sent to MiHIN via DSM as email attachments must adhere to the following specifications:

1. There shall be only one CDA file attached per email.
2. The appropriate MiHIN DSM email address must be in the "To" line. An error will occur if it is in the Carbon-Copy (Cc) line of the outgoing message.

Senders should have the ability to receive DIRECT email for the MiHIN's acknowledgment response in the form of an Acknowledge (ACK) message

#### 3.2.2.1 Direct Addresses

Participants using Direct should use the following addresses:

- For Test messages - [submitimmunizations-foc@direct.mihin.net](mailto:submitimmunizations-foc@direct.mihin.net)
- For PROD - [submitimmunizations@direct.mihin.net](mailto:submitimmunizations@direct.mihin.net)

## 3.3 Specific Segment and Field Definitions

### 3.3.1 Segment 1 - Message Header

The definitions in the table below shall be conformed to by all HL7 messages communicating the message header (MSH) segment.

Sequence	Length	DT	Usage	Cardinality	TBL #	Item #	Element Name	Comments
1	1	ST	R	1..1		00001	Field Separator	
2	4	ST	R	1..1		00002	Encoding Characters	
3	180	HD	R	1..1	036 1	00003	Sending Application	
4	180	HD	R	1..1	036 2	00004	Sending Facility	MCIR Facility PIN
5	180	HD	R	1..1	036 1	00005	Receiving Application	MCIR
6	180	HD	R	1..1	036 2	00006	Receiving Facility	MDHHS
7	26	TS	R	1..1		00007	Date/Time of Message	Should include the time zone.
8	40	ST	X	0..0		00008	Security	
9	7	CM	R	1..1	007 6 000 3	00009	Message Type	VXU^V04^VXU_V04
10	20	ST	R	1..1		00010	Message Control ID	Should be a unique number with a unique ID per day.
11	3	PT	R	1..1		00011	Processing ID	<b>P</b> when in production, <b>T</b> for testing.
12	60	VID	R	1..1	010 4	00012	Version ID	

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13	15	NM	X	0..0		00013	Sequence Number	Optional
14	180	ST	X	0..0		00014	Continuation Pointer	
15	2	ID	X	0..0	0155	00015	Accept Acknowledgment Type	
16	2	ID	X	0..0	0155	00016	Application Acknowledgment Type	
17	2	ID	X	0..0		00017	Country Code	
18	16	ID	X	0..0		00692	Character Set	
19	60	CE	X	0..0			Principal Language of Message	
20	20	ID	X	0..0		00356	Alternate Character Set Handling Scheme	

### 3.3.2 All Remaining Segments

The message header is the only segment which HIN requires to be formatted in a certain way. HIN does not evaluate or verify any other part of the message. For all remaining segment and field, follow the IIS standards, which can be retrieved from the MCIR HL7 Implementation Guide:

<https://www.mcir.org/hl7-landing-page/hl7-3/>

## 4. Production Support

	Severity Levels			
	1	2	3	4
<b>Description</b>	<b>Critical Impact/ System Down:</b> Business critical software is down or critical interface has failed. The issue is impacting all production systems, causing all participating organizations' or other organizations' ability to function to be unusable.	<b>Significant Business Impact:</b> Software component severely restricted. Entire organization is unable to continue business functions, causing all communications and transfer of messages to be halted.	<b>Partial Failure or Downtime:</b> Program is useable and less significant features unavailable. The service is online, though may not working as intended or may not currently working as intended or may not currently be accessible, though other systems are currently available.	<b>Minimal Business:</b> A non-critical software component is malfunctioning, causing minimal impact, or a test system is down.
<b>Example</b>	All messages to and from MiHIN are unable to be sent and received, let alone tracked	MiHIN cannot communication (send or receive) messages between single or multiple participating organizations, but can still successfully communicate with other organizations.	Messages are lost in transit; messages can be received but not sent.	Additional feature requested.
<b>Primary Initiation Method</b>	<b>Phone:</b> (517) 336-1430	<b>Phone:</b> (517) 336-1430	Web form at <a href="http://mihin.org/requesthelp">http://mihin.org/requesthelp</a>	Web form at <a href="http://mihin.org/requesthelp">http://mihin.org/requesthelp</a>
<b>Secondary Initiation Method</b>	Web form at <a href="http://mihin.org/requesthelp">http://mihin.org/requesthelp</a>	Web form at <a href="http://mihin.org/requesthelp">http://mihin.org/requesthelp</a>	Email to <a href="mailto:help@mihin.org">help@mihin.org</a>	Email to <a href="mailto:help@mihin.org">help@mihin.org</a>
<b>Tertiary Initiation Method</b>	Email to <a href="mailto:help@mihin.org">help@mihin.org</a>	Email to <a href="mailto:help@mihin.org">help@mihin.org</a>	N/A	N/A
<b>Initial Response</b>	Within 2 hours	Within 2 hours	1 business day	1 business day
<b>Resolution Goal</b>	24 hours	24 hours	3 business days	7 business days

A list of common questions regarding the Immunizations Data Exchange Solution can be found at:

<https://mihin.org/health-information-for-the-state-use-case/>

If you have questions, please contact the MiHIN Help Desk:

- [www.mihin.org/requesthelp](http://www.mihin.org/requesthelp)
- Phone: (517) 336-1430
- Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Eastern)

## 5. Legal Advisory Language

This reminder applies to all use cases covering the exchange of electronic health information:

The Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) establishes the legal framework under which participating organizations can exchange messages through the MiHIN Platform, and sets forth the following approved reasons for which messages may be exchanged:

- a. By health care providers for Treatment, Payment and/or Health Care Operations consistent with the requirements set forth in HIPAA
- b. Public health activities and reporting as permitted by HIPAA and other Applicable Laws and Standards
- c. To facilitate the implementation of “Meaningful Use” criteria as specified in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and as permitted by HIPAA
- d. Uses and disclosures pursuant to an Authorization provided by the individual who is the subject of the Message or such individual’s personal representative in accordance with HIPAA
- e. By Data Sharing Organizations for any and all purposes, including but not limited to pilot programs and testing, provided that such purposes are consistent with Applicable Laws and Standards
- f. For any additional purposes as specified in any use case, provided that such purposes are consistent with Applicable Laws and Standards

Under the DSA, “**Applicable Laws and Standards**” means all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, acts, ordinances, rules, codes, standards, regulations and judicial or administrative decisions promulgated by any governmental or self-regulatory agency, including the State of Michigan, the Michigan Health Information Technology Commission, or the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, as any of the foregoing may be amended, modified, codified, reenacted, promulgated or published, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time. “Applicable Laws and Standards” includes but is not limited to HIPAA; the federal Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records statute, section 543 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2, and its implementing regulation, 42 CFR Part 2; the Michigan Mental Health Code, at MCLA §§ 333.1748 and 333.1748a; and the Michigan Public Health Code, at MCL § 333.5131, 5114a.

It is each participating organization’s obligation and responsibility to ensure that it is aware of Applicable Laws and Standards as they pertain to the content of each

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message sent, and that its delivery of each message complies with the Applicable Laws and Standards. This means, for example, that if a use case is directed to the exchange of physical health information that may be exchanged without patient authorization under HIPAA, the participating organization must not deliver any message containing health information for which an express patient authorization or consent is required (e.g., mental or behavioral health information).

**Disclaimer:** The information contained in this implementation guide was current as of the date of the latest revision in the Document History in this guide. However, Medicare and Medicaid policies are subject to change and do so frequently. HL7 versions and formatting are also subject to updates. Therefore, links to any source documents have been provided within this guide for reference. MiHIN applies its best efforts to keep all information in this guide up-to-date. It is ultimately the responsibility of the participating organization and sending facilities to be knowledgeable of changes outside of MiHIN's control.



# 6. Appendices

## 6.1 Appendix A – Message Examples

MSH|^~\&|MIHIN PATIENT  
GEN|1.2.3.4.5.9.99.999.9999.1273||2.16.840.1.113883.3.1481|2019011013000  
0-  
0500||VXU^V04^VXU\_V04|1072|P|2.6|1071|||||||Global Southside  
Urgent Care Center  
PID|1|3271|b4a82051c1bd4b54804c90e6e7a46e15^^^CKS~000003271^^^|  
|McIntyre  
^Wanda||20171113|F||2106-3^White^HL70005|202 SE Danube  
Place^^Detroit^MI^48228|||||||000003271|||N^Not Hispanic or  
Latino^HL70189|||||||20190110132000-0500|N  
PD1|||Global Southside Urgent Care  
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^^^NPI  
^^^^^^MD  
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IN1|1|1772^STATE HEALTH  
PLAN|1027|MEDICAID|||||||McIntyre^Wanda^Andrade|||202 SE  
Danube Place^^Detroit^MI^48228  
ORC|RE||ad81cf92-b116-4bb6-8609-b4e7b07b9362  
RXA|1|1|20190110130000-0500|20190110130000-0500|08^Hep B, adolescent  
or  
pediatric^^^^CVX|1|ml RXR|IM^IM (Intramuscular)

## 7. Acronyms and Abbreviations Guide

<b>ACK</b>	HL7 Acknowledgment message
<b>ACRS</b>	Active Care Relationship Service
<b>API</b>	Application Programming Interface
<b>CCHD</b>	Critical Congenital Heart Disease
<b>CMS</b>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<b>DDE</b>	Direct Data Entry
<b>DQA</b>	Data Quality Assurance
<b>EHR</b>	Electronic Health Record
<b>FHIR</b>	Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources
<b>HIE</b>	Health Information Exchange
<b>HIN</b>	Health Information Network
<b>HISP</b>	Health Internet Service Provider
<b>HL7</b>	Health Level Seven
<b>HPD</b>	Health Provider Directory
<b>MDHHS</b>	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
<b>MIDIGATE</b>	Medical Information Direct Gateway
<b>MiHIN</b>	Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services

<b>MUCA</b>	Master Use Case Agreement
<b>NACK</b>	Negative Acknowledgement
<b>NBS</b>	Newborn Screening
<b>NwHIN</b>	Nationwide Health Information Network
<b>OID</b>	Object Identifier
<b>PO</b>	Participating Organization
<b>RAS</b>	Registration and Attestation System
<b>REST</b>	Representational State Transfer
<b>SAML</b>	Security Assertion Markup Language
<b>SMTP</b>	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
<b>SOM</b>	State of Michigan
<b>TDSO</b>	Trusted Data Sharing Organization
<b>UCE</b>	Use Case Exhibit
<b>UCS</b>	Use Case Summary
<b>VPN</b>	Virtual Private Network
<b>XCA</b>	Cross-Community Access
<b>XDS</b>	Cross-Enterprise Document Sharing

## 8. Definitions

**Active Care Relationship (ACR).** (a) For health providers, a patient who has been seen by a provider within the past 24 months, or is considered part of the health provider's active patient population they are responsible for managing, unless notice of termination of that treatment relationship has been provided to MiHIN; (b) for payers, an eligible member of a health plan; (c) an active relationship between a patient and a health provider for the purpose of treatment, payment and/or healthcare operations consistent with the requirements set forth in HIPAA; (d) a relationship with a health provider asserted by a consumer and approved by the health provider; or (e) any person or TDSO authorized to receive message content under an exhibit which specifies that an ACR may be generated by sending or receiving message content under that exhibit. ACR records are stored by MiHIN in the ACRS.

**Active Care Relationship Service® (ACRS®).** The MiHIN infrastructure service that contains records for those TDSOs, their participating organizations participants or any health providers who have an active care relationship with a patient.

**Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT).** An event that occurs when a patient is admitted to, discharged from, or transferred from one care setting to another care setting or to the patient's home. For example, an ADT event occurs when a patient is discharged from a hospital. An ADT event also occurs when a patient arrives in care setting such as a health clinic or hospital.

**Applicable Laws and Standards.** In addition to the definition set forth in the Data Sharing Agreement, the federal Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records statute, section 543 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 290dd-2, and its implementing regulation, 42 CFR Part 2; the Michigan Mental Health Code, at MCLA §§ 333.1748 and 333.1748a; and the Michigan Public Health Code, at MCL § 333.5131, 5114a.

**Attribution.** The connection between a consumer and their health care providers. One definition of attribution is "assigning a provider or providers, who will be held accountable for a member based on an analysis of that member's claim data." The attributed provider is deemed responsible for the patient's cost and quality of care, regardless of which providers deliver the service.

**Conforming Message.** A message that is in a standard format that strictly adheres to the implementation guide for its applicable use case.

**Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD).** A group of serious heart defects that are present from birth. These abnormalities result from problems with the formation of one or more parts of the heart during the early stages of embryonic development.

**Data Sharing Agreement.** Any data sharing organization agreement signed by both MiHIN and a participating organization. Data sharing organization agreements include but are not limited to: Qualified Data Sharing Organization Agreement, Virtual Qualified Data Sharing Organization Agreement, Consumer Qualified Data Sharing Agreement, Sponsored Shared Organization Agreement, State Sponsored Sharing Organization Agreement, Direct Data Sharing Organization Agreement, Simple Data Sharing Organization Agreement, or other data sharing organization agreements developed by MiHIN.

**Electronic Address.** A string that identifies the transport protocol and end point address for communicating electronically with a recipient. A recipient may be a person, organization or other entity that has designated the electronic address as the point at which it will receive electronic messages. Examples of an electronic address include a secure email address (Direct via secure SMTP) or secure URL (SOAP / XDR / REST / FHIR). Communication with an electronic address may require a digital certificate or participation in a trust bundle.

**Electronic Medical Record or Electronic Health Record (EMR/EHR).** A digital version of a patient's paper medical chart.

**Electronic Service Information (ESI).** All information reasonably necessary to define an electronic destination's ability to receive and use a specific type of information (e.g, discharge summary, patient summary, laboratory report, query for patient/provider/healthcare data). ESI may include the type of information (e.g. patient summary or query), the destination's electronic address, the messaging framework supported (e.g., SMTP, HTTP/SOAP, XDR, REST, FHIR), security information supported or required (e.g., digital certificate) and specific payload definitions (e.g., CCD C32 V2.5). In addition, ESI may include labels that help identify the type of recipient (e.g., medical records department).

**End Point.** An instance of an electronic address or ESI.

**Exhibit.** Collectively, a use case exhibit or a pilot activity exhibit.

**FedSim.** Simulators that are utilized in a testing environment to simulate testing with a federal partner e.g. SSA or VA

**Health Directory.** The statewide shared service established by MiHIN that contains contact information on health providers, electronic addresses, end points, and ESI, as a resource for authorized users to obtain contact information and to securely exchange health information.

**Health Level 7 (HL7).** An interface standard and specifications for clinical and administrative healthcare data developed by the Health Level Seven organization and approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). HL7 provides a method for disparate systems to communicate clinical and administrative information in a normalized format with acknowledgement of receipt

**Health Information.** Any information, including genetic information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, that (a) is created or received by a health provider, public health authority, employer, life insurer, school or university, or healthcare clearinghouse; and (b) relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

**Health Information Network (HIN).** An organization or group of organizations responsible for coordinating the exchange of protected health information (PHI) in a region, state, or nationally.

**Health Plan.** An individual or group plan that provides, or pays the cost of medical care (as “group health plan” and “medical care” are defined in section 2791(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300gg-91(a)(2)). Health plan further includes those entities defined as a health plan under HIPAA, 45 C.F.R 160.103.

**Health Professional** means (a) any individual licensed, registered, or certified under applicable Federal or State laws or regulations to provide healthcare services; (b) any person holding a nonclinical position within or associated with an organization that provides or coordinates healthcare or healthcare related services; and (c) people who contribute to the gathering, recording, processing, analysis or communication of health information. Examples include, but are not limited to, physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants, home health professionals, administrative assistants, care managers, care coordinators, receptionists and clerks.

**Health Provider** means facilities/hospitals, health professionals, health plans, caregivers, pharmacists/other qualified professionals, or any other person or organization involved in providing healthcare.

**Information Source.** Any organization that provides information that is added to a MiHIN infrastructure service.

**Master Use Case Agreement (MUCA).** Legal document covering expected rules of engagement across all use cases. Trusted data sharing organizations sign master use case agreement one time, then sign use case exhibits for participation in specific use cases.

**Message.** A mechanism for exchanging message content between the participating organization to MiHIN services, including query and retrieve.

**Message Content.** Information, as further defined in an Exhibit, which is sent, received, found or used by a participating organization to or from MiHIN services. Message content includes the message content header.

**Message Header (“MSH”) or Message Content Header.** The MSH segment present in every HL7 message type that defines the Message’s source, purpose, destination, and certain syntax specifics such as delimiters (separator characters) and character sets. It is always the first segment in the HL7 message, with the only exception being HL7 batch messages.

**Michigan Health Information Network Shared Services.** The MiHIN for the State of Michigan.

**MiHIN Infrastructure Service.** Certain services that are shared by numerous use cases. MiHIN infrastructure services include, but are not limited to, Active Care Relationship Service (ACRS), Health Directory, Statewide Consumer Directory (SCD), and the Medical Information Direct GATEway (MIDIGATE®).

**MiHIN Services.** The MiHIN infrastructure services and additional services and functionality provided by MiHIN allowing the participating organizations to send, receive, find, or use information to or from MiHIN as further set forth in an exhibit.

**Negative Acknowledgment (NAK or NACK).** “Not acknowledged” and is used to negatively acknowledge or to reject previously received message content or to indicate an error.

**Newborn Screening.** Screening to detect conditions such as critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) in newborns. The newborn screening is not limited to this test.

**Notice.** A message transmission that is not message content and which may include an acknowledgement of receipt or error response, such as an ACK or NACK.

**Patient Data.** Any data about a patient or a consumer that is electronically filed in a participating organization or participating organization participant's systems or repositories. The data may contain protected health information (PHI), personal credit information (PCI), and/or personally identifiable information (PII).

**Person Record.** Any record in a MiHIN infrastructure service that primarily relates to a person.

**Pilot Activity.** The activities set forth in the applicable exhibit and typically includes sharing message content through early trials of a new use case that is still being defined and is still under development and which may include participating organization feedback to MiHIN to assist in finalizing a use case and use case and use case exhibit upon conclusion of the pilot activity.

**Principal.** A person or a system utilizing a federated identity through a federated organization.

**Promoting Interoperability.** Using certified EHR technology to improve quality, safety and efficiency of healthcare, and to reduce health disparities as further contemplated by title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**Provider Community.** A healthcare provider with an active care relationship with the applicable patient.

**Send / Receive / Find / Use (SRFU).** Means sending, receiving, finding, or using message content. Sending involves the transport of message content. Receiving involves accepting and possibly consuming or storing message content. Finding means querying to locate message content. Using means any use of the message content other than sending, receiving and finding. Examples of use include consuming into workflow, reporting, storing, or analysis.

Send/Receive/Find/Use (SRFU) activities must comply with Applicable Laws & Standards or State Administrative Code as that term is defined in this agreement and the data sharing agreement.

**Service Interruption.** A party is unable to send, receive or find message content for any reason, including the failure of network equipment or software, scheduled or unscheduled maintenance, general Internet outages, and events of force majeure.

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**Source System.** A computer system, such as an electronic health record system, at the participating organization, that sends, receives, finds or uses message content or notices.

**Statewide Consumer Directory (SCD).** A MiHIN infrastructure service that helps organizations provide tools to consumers, which allow the consumers to manage how their personal Health Information can be shared and used. The Statewide Consumer Directory is essentially a Software Development Kit (SDK) with a robust set of APIs that can be used by consumer-facing applications that enable consumers to take an active role in viewing and editing their preferences for how their health information is shared.

**Transactional Basis.** The transmission of message content or a notice within a period of time of receiving message content or notice from a sending or receiving party as may be further set forth in a specific exhibit.

**Transitions of Care.** The movement of a patient from one setting of care (e.g. hospital, ambulatory primary care practice, ambulatory specialty care practice, long-term care, rehabilitation facility) to another setting of care and can include transfers within a healthcare organization.

**Trusted Data Sharing Organization (TDSO).** An organization that has signed any form of agreement with MiHIN for data sharing.

**Use Case.** (a) A use case agreement previously executed by a participating organization; or (b) the use case summary, use case exhibit and a use case implementation guide that participating organization or TDSO must follow to share specific message content with the MiHIN.

**Use Case Exhibit.** The legal agreement attached as an exhibit to the master use case agreement that governs participation in any specific use case.

**Use Case Implementation Guide (UCIG).** The document providing technical specifications related to message content and transport of message content between participating organization, MiHIN, and other TDSOs. use case implementation guides are made available via URLs in exhibits.

**Use Case Summary.** The document providing the executive summary, business justification and value proposition of a use case. Use case summaries are provided by MiHIN upon request and via the MiHIN website at [www.mihin.org](http://www.mihin.org).

**View Download Transmit (VDT).** A requirement for Meaningful Use with the objective to provide patients with the ability to view online, download and

transmit their health information within a certain period of the information being available to an eligible professional.

**XCA.** The IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise®) standard for Cross-Community Access which provides specifications to query and retrieve patient relevant health information held by other communities.

**XDS.b.** The IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise®) standard for Cross-Enterprise Document Sharing revision b, which provides specifications to query and retrieve patient relevant healthcare data held within a community.