



## **About SCHIEEx / Notice of Participation**

Your doctor or health care provider has become a member of the South Carolina Health Information Exchange (“SCHIEEx”). SCHIEEx makes it possible for your doctor to share your medical history, including medications, allergies, diagnoses and procedures, with other doctors and health care providers involved in your care. It is a safe and secure network that makes sure your personal health information is available to your doctors and other health care providers when and where it is needed. SCHIEEx does *not* keep or store your personal health information. This notice tells you how doctors and other health care providers may use or share your electronic health information and with whom it may be shared.

## **How your electronic health information may be used or shared**

Your privacy and your personal health information are protected by federal and state law. Those federal and state laws also govern the way your personal and electronic health information is used or shared through SCHIEEx. Your doctors and other health care providers will use and share your electronic health information with other doctors and health care providers involved in your care through SCHIEEx to provide, coordinate or manage your health care and any related services.

We would share your electronic health information, as necessary, through SCHIEEx with another doctor who has requested to see your electronic health information to provide care to you. We may share your electronic health information from time-to-time with a doctor or health care provider (i.e. a specialist or laboratory) who, at the request of your doctor, becomes involved in your care by helping with your diagnosis or treatment or with whom you start a new treatment relationship.

## **Participation in SCHIEEX**

You may ‘opt out’ of SCHIEEx participation. By opting out, your personal health information will not be shared through SCHIEEx.

**Important information:** Please understand that if you opt out, your personal health information will not be used or shared by **any** doctor or healthcare provider through SCHIEEx, except where required by law, which could create a delay in your healthcare provider receiving necessary information for your care.

If you change your mind and wish to have your electronic health information shared through SCHIEEx, you may cancel your opt out. To cancel your opt out, you or your personal representative must inform hospital registration staff.