I. Purpose

California AB 133 establishes that the “Data Exchange Framework will be designed to enable and require real-time access to, or exchange of, health information among health care providers and payers through any health information exchange network, health information organization, or technology that adheres to specified standards and policies.” The purpose of this policy is to clarify what meets “real-time access to, or exchange of health information.”

II. Policy

Participants in the Data Exchange Framework must send Health and Social Services Information to other Participants in a timely manner to support important care decisions benefiting all Californians. Any intentional or programmatic delays before data is shared shall be considered a violation of this policy, as outlined below.

This policy shall be effective January 31, 2024.

III. Procedures

1. OBLIGATIONS OF PARTICIPANT

   a. The timeliness of data exchange will vary based on the Data Exchange Framework transaction pattern and its associated clinical context:

      i. In response to an Order for services or a Request for Services, Participant(s) must share the Health and Social Services Information associated with the Order or the Request for Services as soon as the information becomes available, or as soon as practicable, and no more than 24 hours after its availability.

      ii. In response to a query for Health and Social Services Information,

          a. Participant(s) must respond as soon as practicable.

          b. The requested information must be included in a response no more than 24 hours after its availability to the Participant.

          c. When the clinical context for the query is known and associated with emergency or urgent care delivery, Participant(s) must respond upon receipt of the query.

      iii. Notifications associated with Admission, Discharge or Transfer (ADT) Events must be shared at the time of the event.
IV. Definitions

“Admission, Discharge or Transfer (ADT) Event” shall include admission to a healthcare facility, discharge from a healthcare facility, or transfer from one healthcare facility to another healthcare facility.

“Notifications” shall mean the transactions that include the details of an Admission, Discharge or Transfer (ADT) Event including patient identifiers, the healthcare facility associated with the event, event date and time, and the diagnosis or reason associated with the event.

“Order” shall mean any request for diagnostic services placed by a health professional, including but not limited to requests for diagnostic clinical laboratory and radiology services.

“Request for Services” shall mean any request for health or social services, including but not limited to clinical consultation or assessment from or referrals to a health professional or referral to social services.

All other capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Data Sharing Agreement.

V. References

VI. Related Policies and Procedures

Technical Requirements for Exchange

VII. Version History

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