

# State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange USCDI Standards Policy

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<b>Intended Audience:</b> All CyncHealth staff and vendors working on behalf of CyncHealth.			
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## STATEMENT

In accordance with the standards set forth under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”) as well as federal and state statutory and regulatory requirements (hereafter referred to as “Regulatory Requirements”), CyncHealth is committed to ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of protected health information and electronic protected health information (PHI/ePHI), as well as any sensitive and confidential data it creates, receives, maintains, and/or transmits. For the purposes of this policy, PHI, ePHI and sensitive and confidential data shall be referred to herein as “Covered Information.”

## DEFINITIONS

- **Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI):** Information that is “individually identifiable health information” and is created, received, maintained, or transmitted in any electronic form or medium.
- **Health Information Technology Board (HIT Board):** A seventeen-member board of healthcare professionals appointed by the Governor of Nebraska to oversee the State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange and the State of Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).
- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP):** The system in Nebraska established as a standalone medication query platform that collects all prescriptions dispensed from pharmacies and other dispensers, established through Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-2454.
- **Protected Health Information (PHI):** Information that is “individually identifiable health information” and is created, received, maintained, or transmitted in any form or medium.
- **United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI):** A standardized set of health data classes and constituent data elements for nationwide, interoperable health information exchange.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to document the State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange’s (“CyncHealth”) responsibilities surrounding data classes according to United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI). The objective is to provide clarity of definitions and responsibilities surrounding data classes and data interoperability.

## SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

This policy covers health information data within the Nebraska Health Information Exchange that is overseen by the State of Nebraska HIT Board.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The State of Nebraska HIT Board with the support of CyncHealth Chief Legal Counsel will be responsible for the enforcement, interpretation, management, review, and education of this policy. Likewise, CyncHealth staff will be responsible for acknowledgement and adherence to this policy.

## POLICY

CyncHealth will ensure all clinical data it collects meets the latest USCDI standards. CyncHealth will update its standards as newer versions of USCDI are released.

## COMPLIANCE

CyncHealth staff will be required to comply with all information security policies and procedures as a condition of employment or contract with CyncHealth. CyncHealth staff who fail to abide by the requirements outlined in the State of Nebraska Health Information Exchange USCDI Standards Policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment or contract.

## ANNUAL REVIEW

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Reviewed By:</b>	<b>Comments/Updates:</b>
9/19/2024	HIT Board	Removed statement regarding USCDI current version