

21st Century Cures Act

This is a Federal Mandate Created to Prevent the Blocking of Electronic Health Information Between Health Systems, Apps, and Devices

WHAT IS THE 21st CENTURY CURES ACT?

- This will improve patient engagement and compliance.
- The Cures Act enables healthcare providers and patients to access, exchange, and use captured data.
- Cures Act implements additional interoperability requirements.
- This new regulatory requirement will mean that notes will be shared with patients through MyChart.
- More information on the Cures Act can be found at: <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/selected-amendments-fdc-act/21st-century-cures-act>

WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR CLINICIANS AND HOSPITALS?

- Clinicians will need to realize that the patient information is considered the patient's and should be used to inform their choices.
- Will change how clinicians manage the patient information.
- Patients will have access to their patient notes and diagnostic results quicker than they have in the past. This can help patients be able to review and have questions ready for their healthcare team.
- These changes will apply to both the inpatient and the ambulatory patient
- Documentation in the Notes Activity (including those via Care Plans and Flowsheets) will be viewable by patients in MyChart.
- Staff should be thoughtful with documentation. Remember many times we use terms and phrases that may be interpreted differently by patients. Abbreviations and terminology should be avoided to avoid confusion.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR THE PATIENT?

- Patient education is being developed and patients will be notified of the changes that will be occurring.
- More lab results will be available in MyChart
- Patients can be a more active member when managing their healthcare.

WHAT'S NEXT?

- First phase will occur April 11, 2021 with the Maestro Care updates.
 - * You will be provided additional information closer to go-live date
- Additional changes will be implemented through 2023.

