

Newsletter article (Short Version)

Audience: Providers/Authorized RHIO users

Article Title: Important Changes to Substance Use Data through Rochester RHIO

Are you an authorized user of [Rochester RHIO](#)? Do you use the query portal to search for patient information? Or, do you download RHIO records into your EHR? **By March 31, 2019**, Rochester RHIO will begin including **specially protected** substance use and behavioral health care data (SAMHSA, Part 2) in its health information exchange. With patient consent, authorized users and medical professionals will be able to view this data immediately in a patient's record enabling better patient care.

Responsible, secure sharing and use of this specially protected health information is a critical step in helping combat the opioid epidemic.

Why does this matter to me?

As an authorized user of patient information via the Rochester RHIO, it is important to understand your responsibility to be compliant with all relevant federal and state-required changes to Part 2 data delivery.

What is SAMHSA, Part 2 data?

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What if I have additional questions?

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Email Template

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