



## Care Everywhere Opt-Out Request Form

Friends of Family Health Center shares all patient charts over **Care Everywhere**, as a part of the Health Information Exchange (HIE), without a signed release as a collaborative standard.

*While it is possible to opt out of Care Everywhere data sharing entirely, this is highly discouraged.*

### Importance of Care Everywhere

Friends of Family Health Center strongly believes that there is as much risk in inappropriately blocking data from being shared as there is in inappropriately sharing data. It is important that all providers treating a patient have access to the patient's full medical and medication history to avoid errors when delivering care, particularly emergency care.

### Risks and Drawbacks of Opting-Out

Opting-out of Care Everywhere will prevent all of your future treating providers at every non-Friends of Family Health Center organization from being able to access your medical chart that is in the Friends of Family Health Center EPIC-OCHIN Electronic Health Record (EHR) system. They will not be aware that you were seen at a Friends of Family Health Center clinic or what care was delivered. This will impact data exchange through the following methods:

- **Care Everywhere** – Sharing with other organizations using EPIC EHR
- **Care Quality** – Sharing with organizations using EHRs other than EPIC EHR
- **eHealth Exchange** – Sharing with federal agencies such as the Veterans Administration or Social Security Administration for disability determination
- **Direct Secure Messaging** – Electronic referral exchange with providers using any EHR
- **Health Information Exchanges** – Regional data repositories that support care coordination

Opting-out of Care Everywhere will also prevent providers at Friends of Family Health Center from retrieving your chart from all outside organizations and bringing it into our Epic EHR system. This will limit our provider's ability to deliver appropriate care due to being unable to see what care you have received at other clinics and hospitals, thus lacking the complete picture of your medical history.

Patients have the right to control their own healthcare data and opting-out of Care Everywhere allows for limiting the exchange of this data with outside organizations, but it is important that the patient and the providers understand the impacts of this action and the risks associated with it.

I understand the risks involved with opting-out of **Care Everywhere** and wish to proceed.

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Patient Name (please print)

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Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

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Signature

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Current Date (MM/DD/YYYY)