Home Health Monitoring Patient Notification

Home Health Monitoring allows the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) clinicians to enhance the care they provide by remotely monitor your health for the specific program you are involved, The SHA clinicians will be reviewing symptoms specifically associated with that current medical condition. It is not monitoring for other potential concerns outside the program you are involved,

Home Health Monitoring is NOT AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM.
For medical advice, please **call 811** and in case of a medical emergency, **call 911.**

You have the right to decline Home Health Monitoring now or at any time. Your decision to participate will not affect the care you receive from any of our SHA care team members.

Privacy and Confidentiality

By agreeing to participate in the Home Health Monitoring program you agree that the following information will be collected about you in order for you to participate in the Home Health Monitoring program:

- Personal demographic information including your name, date of birth, address, phone numbers, email address and health services number.
- Personal health information disclosed by you and therefore collected by your physicians and care team when using the application.

Your personal information is being collected under sections 23, 25 and 27 of Saskatchewan's legislation, *The Health Information Protection Act* and section 65 of *The Public Health Act, 1994* for the purposes of identification, providing health services and/or facilitating care, and to address public health needs. As per mandatory communicable disease reporting requirements, your personal health information will also be shared pursuant to *The Communicable Disease Regulations*.

If you have any questions about the collection, disclosure, or use of your personal information please contact the SHA's Privacy Office at privacy@saskhealthauthority.ca. For any program specific concerns about Home Health Monitoring, please contact SHA Virtual Care Team via email at virtualcareclinicalbooking@saskhealthauthority.ca

Notification for the use of Digital Communications Digital Communications can be a convenient way to communicate with your health care team between visits, and we want to advise that there are risks when using these technologies to send personal health information.

The SHA will do what we can to confirm that any personal information we send is being received in the application by you only but it's never possible to have 100% certainty who we are communicating with outside of a face-to-face visit.

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While SHA has its own safeguards in place, you need to be aware that we are not responsible and cannot control what happens to information once it is stored: 1) on your device; 2) by telecommunications providers; 3) by software or application providers; or 4) by other applications that may have access to your personal device.

You are responsible for the security of your own computer/tablet, email service and telephone.

What can you do?

The SHA has compiled some suggested best practices meant to help you protect your information under your control. It is important to note that these are general best practices and does not guarantee your information won't be accessed by a third party. The SHA takes no responsibility for your personal device or the systems you operate.

- Protect your passwords! Sharing your login information means that someone can read and issue your personal health information, or someone could pose as you by sending a request from your device or email account
- Use downloaded Apps from trusted sources (e.g. Google Play, iStore). If the info you are wanting to communicate is of a sensitive nature, you may want to seek a more secure method of communication.
- Delete applications, emails and texts you no longer require
- Use your device's security settings to control what information your Apps have permission to access
- Avoid sending personal information while using public WiFi
- Use permission controls on your device to ensure that none of your applications (Apps) have unnecessary access to your text messages and/or emails
- Use virus protection on your computer or device, and regularly scan your device for malware and viruses.