

UMMS COMPLIANCE

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Information Blocking

A New Rule About the Timely Release of Patient Medical Information

For Patients, accessing their medical information can sometimes seem like an 'Obstacle Course' and can delay additional care.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Currently, there are many barriers for patients to access medical record information in a timely manner.
- On **April 5, 2021 the Information Blocking Statute** goes into effect that allows patients and their family members to access their medical information — via their *MyPortfolio* patient portal account — more efficiently without the previous “obstacles.”
- This rule requires the immediate release — to the patient via their *MyPortfolio* patient portal account — of provider and non-provider daily progress notes (both inpatient and out patient), plus all laboratory, radiology and pathology reports.
- This rule gives UMMS the opportunity to increase patient involvement in their own care.

For questions contact:

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