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Congratulations to the following healthcare organization that was approved to become a ClinicalConnect Participating Organization in April 2017:

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Semi-Annual Attestations Begin May 1

The semi-annual attestation notification process for the Participating Organizations of ClinicalConnect will begin on Monday, May 1. The purpose of attestations is to periodically check and certify that only the individuals who need certain access privileges to ClinicalConnect and/or the Access Governance System (AGS) have those privileges.

The semi-annual attestation must be performed by various individuals at Participating Organizations. All Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) Signatories must attest that their organization's Privacy Officer and Local Registration Authorities (LRAs) still hold those roles, Privacy Officers must attest that their Privacy Auditors (if applicable) still hold that role, Sponsoring Physicians attest the staff they sponsor, and LRAs attest their end users access to ClinicalConnect.

Also a reminder that verifying end users' Assurance Levels, as mandated by eHealth Ontario, will be part of this attestation cycle, as introduced to attestors through various communications and webinars hosted by the HITS eHealth Office this month.

Any questions regarding attestations from ClinicalConnect Participating Organizations can be directed to support@clinicalconnect.ca or to your local cSWO Change Management & Adoption Delivery Partner.

Please note that the article that follows regarding the new Participation Agreement has no impact on the upcoming attestation cycle.

Update on New ClinicalConnect Participation Agreement

Roll-out of the new ClinicalConnect Participation Agreement began earlier this month, with data-contributing organizations, specifically acute care hospitals and Community Care Access Centres, slated to sign the new Agreement first. The Agreement and associated Terms & Conditions, have been designed to accommodate the changing provincial eHealth landscape, be consistent with

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current privacy law, and also work to align more closely with terms and conditions being utilized by eHealth Ontario and other operators of Electronic Health Records (EHRs) in Ontario.

Sole Practitioners with private/community-based practices, or who use ClinicalConnect to view Personal Health Information for patients not registered to their existing provisioning organization (i.e. Hospital, Family Health Team/Group/Organization, Long-Term Care, Community Health Centre etc.), must sign the new Participation Agreement as a Health Information Custodian (HIC) unto themselves to access ClinicalConnect for patients being seen in their private practices.

This new Agreement is particularly important for Sole Practitioners approved to sponsor staff and/or who actively sponsor their staff's access to ClinicalConnect. Signing the Participation Agreement is required to ensure their staff's continued access to ClinicalConnect. The current model of Physician Sponsorship will be discontinued as of May 1, 2017, but sponsored staff's access to ClinicalConnect will remain intact so long as their sponsoring physician completes the required documentation for their private practice, as a Health Information Custodian (HIC) unto themselves. Any sponsored staff whose sponsoring physician does not complete the required documentation by end of day Friday, June 30, 2017, will have their access to ClinicalConnect disabled.

The Participation Agreement is available for completion, in online form format, by all existing ClinicalConnect Participating Organizations and Physicians who provide care to patients in private/community-based practices, beginning Monday, May 1, 2017.

Inquiries about the new agreement framework can be directed to your LHIN's cSWO Change Management & Adoption Delivery Partner as listed at <http://info.clinicalconnect.ca/CC/agreements/>, or emailed to agreements@clinicalconnect.ca.

Please click the links below to view read-only copies of each of the core documents that make up the new agreement framework:

- [Participation Agreement - replaces current Schedule B from Data Sharing Agreement](#)
- [Terms & Conditions - replaces current Data Sharing Agreement](#)
- [User Agreement - replaces current Schedule C from Data Sharing Agreement](#)

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