Provider Talking Points:
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Introduce the HIE

- Our organization participates in Rhode Island HIE, a secure Health Information Exchange (HIE) administered by CRISP Shared Services.
- Rhode Island HIE allows authorized healthcare organizations involved in your care to securely share health information and coordinate care.
- Most health information is shared through the HIE unless a patient chooses to opt out.

Explain Why SUD Information Is Different

- A federal law called 42 CFR Part 2 provides special privacy protections for certain substance use disorder (SUD) treatment information.
- Because of these protections, your SUD treatment information is not automatically shared through the HIE.
- Your permission is required before this information can be shared.

Explain Who Could Access the Information

- If you consent, your SUD treatment information can be shared through Rhode Island HIE and may be viewed by authorized users across the CRISP Shared Services HIE network which covers 12+ states and regions.
- Authorized HIE users involved in your care and healthcare operations may be able to view your information.
- This may include healthcare providers, health plans, and other authorized individuals involved in supporting your care.
- Access is limited to authorized users with a legitimate need related to treatment, payment, or healthcare operations.
- Rhode Island HIE uses security and access controls to help ensure your information is accessed only by authorized users for permitted purposes.

Explain What Information May Be Shared

- When you consent with one SUD provider, the consent covers treatment information from all of the SUD providers involved in your care. If you receive SUD treatment from more than one provider, information from all your providers will be shared through Rhode Island HIE.

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- **Information that may be shared can include:**
  - Treatment plans
  - Medications
  - Laboratory results
  - Clinical notes
  - Claims information
  - Other relevant treatment information

Explain the Benefits

- Sharing this information helps providers see a more complete picture of your health.
- It supports care coordination across your healthcare team.
- It can help avoid unnecessary or duplicative testing.
- It can reduce repeated questions or requests for information.
- It may help providers make more informed decisions about safe medications and treatment plans.
- It helps your other providers to support your recovery journey.

Explain Redisclosure

- Once your information is shared, organizations that receive it may be able to further disclose it when permitted by law.

Explain Patient Choice

- Choosing whether to share your SUD treatment information is entirely your decision.
- You may choose an expiration date or allow your consent to remain in effect until you revoke it.
- You may revoke your consent at any time with any provider who participates in Rhode Island HIE. When consent is revoked, no future SUD information will be shared through the HIE and previously shared data will no longer be visible to HIE users.
- If you decline to share your SUD information, it will not be shared with other providers through the HIE. You can still receive SUD treatment, and your decision will not affect your ability to receive care from this organization.
- If you decline to share data now, you always have the option to consent in the future.

Close the Conversation

- Please let us know if you have any questions about what information is shared, who can access it, or how your consent choices work, to help you make the decision that is right for you.