

## Frequently Asked/Answered Questions

### **What is mehealth™ for ADHD?**

mehealth™ for ADHD is an online tool that improves communication and helps to align treatment with the AAP Clinical Practice Guidelines for ADHD. The portal facilitates email communication with parents and teachers, tracks interventions and outcomes and helps streamline ADHD patient management and office flow.

### **What data will mehealth™ collect?**

mehealth™ for ADHD will collect all relevant quality improvement data for the project, including patient name, parent name/email, medication information, and Vanderbilt assessment data from both the parent and teacher.

### **Who should register with mehealth™?**

All participating physicians and support staff that will enter data into the portal will submit their name, role, and valid email address to the AAP. Once confirmed, participants will receive an email invitation and link to register.

### **Will the practice need to sign a Business Associate Agreement to meet HIPAA regulations?**

Yes, participating physicians will register on the mehealth™ portal which includes an electronic Business Associate Agreement. The agreement was reviewed by AAP attorneys to verify that it meets the participants' HIPAA data privacy and security requirements.

### **Who will have access to the PHI and other project data?**

Optimal Medicine (OM), the company that produces mehealth™ for ADHD will act as the Business Associate and will maintain all project data, including Protected Health Information (PHI). OM will provide only de-identified data to the AAP to allow the AAP national and chapter teams to track project progress and provide feedback and coaching to the project participants.

### **Do I need patient consent to enter their information into mehealth™?**

For CQN ADHD, individual patient consent is not required. CQN ADHD is a quality improvement project, as opposed to a research project. As a quality improvement project, the data collected by the project is covered under the Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations (TPO) provision of HIPAA, which includes conducting quality assessment and improvement activities, and is exempt from the patient authorization requirement. Visit <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/coveredentities/usesanddisclosuresfortpo.html> for more information about HIPAA and TPO.

### **Who is paying the license fee for use of the portal?**

The AAP is covering the license fee for each participant for the entire project period.

### **What happens to the data at the end of the project?**

Participants will have the option of continuing their use of the mehealth™ for ADHD portal by entering into a new agreement with OM that goes beyond the duration of the project. For participants that choose not to continue use of the portal, they can request OM to destroy the PHI that was collected during the project.

### **Where can I get more information regarding mehealth™?**

A *Pediatrics* article regarding a randomized trial on use of the mehealth™ for ADHD portal can be found at: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3208964/>

Additional information can be found at <http://www.mehealth.com/products/adhd/>