

Welcome!

Welcome to Community Memorial Hospital Family Health Centers! Thank you for entrusting us with your care. At Community Memorial Hospital's Family Health Centers, we provide quality healthcare close to home, with a 5-star rated team. Our healthcare providers are focused on helping you achieve better overall health and wellness. Our Family Health Centers are conveniently located in communities across Madison and Oneida Counties.

What is included in this packet?

- Authorization for Release of Information Form**
allows us to get records from your previous healthcare providers
- Patient Information Form**
contains insurance and demographic information
- Notice of Privacy Practices**
describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed
- Consent for Treatment & Financial Responsibility Agreement**
allows our providers to provide medical treatment to you, explains our professional relationship in regards to fees, financial policy and financial responsibility

- Pediatric Health History Form**
for you to share your child's past medical history with your new provider to ensure excellent continuity of care
- Authorization for Medical Treatment of Minors**
a way for parents or guardians to indicate who has permission to bring your child to appointments and to authorize immunizations, injections or treatment
- Health e-Connections Consent**
allows CMH to access your medical records through a secure NYS health information exchange
- Surescripts Consent**
gives CMH secure, electronic access to your prescription information

What you need to return to the office:

- Within 5 days before appointment, return:**
 - Authorization for Release of Information form
 - Patient Information Form
 - Consent for Treatment and Financial Responsibility Agreement
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You may also fax the information to (315) 824-8447 or drop off completed paperwork to any of our 5 locations.

Contact with problems/questions:

Please contact our Family Health Centers at
(315) 824-4600
if you have any questions or concerns

If you have never had a primary care provider:

Please indicate this on the **Authorization for Release of Information** form. Our office will work with you to set up an appointment with one of our providers.

The new patient process:

Once we receive your **Authorization for Release of Information** form, our office will send that to your former primary care provider. That provider has up to 30 days to release your medical records to us.

The forms included in the New Patient Packet must be received within 5 days before your appointment.

Thank you for entrusting your medical care to our team. We look forward to working with you.

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Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors, Organ and Tissue Donation - In the event of your death, we may disclose your health information to a coroner or medical examiner to determine the cause of death. We may also release your information to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties. We may disclose your health information to organ donation organizations to determine whether donation or transplantation is possible.

Research - In most cases, we will ask for your written authorization before using your health information or sharing it with others in order to conduct research. However, under some circumstances, we may use and disclose your health information without your authorization if we obtain approval through a special process to ensure that research without your authorization poses minimal risk to your privacy. Under no circumstance, however, would we allow researchers to use your name or identity publicly. We may also release your health information without your authorization to people who are preparing a future research project, so long as any information identifying you does not leave our facility. In the unfortunate event of your death, we may share your health information with the people who are conducting research using the information of deceased persons, as long as they agree not to remove from our facility any information that identifies you.

Workers' Compensation - We may use or disclose your health information as necessary to comply with workers' compensation laws.

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Right to Inspect and Copy Records

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Community Memorial Hospital
150 Broad Street
Hamilton, NY 13346

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Our Legal Obligations

Community Memorial Hospital is required by law to protect the privacy of your health information. We must provide you with a copy of this notice which describes our legal duties and privacy practices and your rights concerning your health information. The following individuals at Community Memorial Hospital will follow this notice when they provide services to you:

- Our medical staff, affiliated health professionals, and students;
- Our employees, personnel or representatives in every department having access to your health information;
- Our affiliates, including independent contractors having access to your health information.
- Any member of a volunteer group we allow to help you while you receive services in the hospital.
- All of the Hospital-affiliated Family Health Centers.

Community Memorial Hospital and the above individuals may share your health information with each other as may be necessary to provide you treatment, for payment of your treatment, or to support our healthcare operations to the extent authorized by law.

Community Memorial Hospital is required to notify you of a breach of unsecured protected health information. A copy of our current notice is posted throughout our hospital and affiliated Family Health Center's registration areas. You may also obtain a copy at www.communitymemorial.org or by contacting the Patient Access Department at (315) 824-6575, or by asking for one at the time of your next visit. If you have any questions about this Notice or would like further information, please contact the Compliance Coordinator at 315-824-7064.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

General Consent

We will generally obtain your written consent to use and disclose your health information for treatment, payment or health care operations.

Specific Authorization

Uses and disclosures of your health information not covered by this notice may require your specific authorization. For example, you may request that we release a copy of your health records to another person or entity by completing a Community Memorial Hospital Authorization Form.

You may cancel your consent or authorization at any time in writing, except to the extent we have already relied upon it. To cancel your consent or authorization, please write to: Compliance Department

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Depending on the nature of your health information, we may be required to comply with additional laws. For example, use and disclosure of HIV-related, genetic, and mental health information and alcohol and substance abuse records may need your specific permission.

How Someone May Act On Your Behalf - You have the right to name a representative who may act on your behalf to control the privacy of your health information. Parents and guardians will generally have the right to control the privacy of health information about minors unless the minors are permitted by law to act on their own behalf.

How to Obtain a Copy of Our Notice (or a Revised Notice) - Community Memorial Hospital must abide by the terms of the notice currently in effect, however, we reserve the right to change our privacy practices from time to time and to make the new Notice effective for all protected health information we maintain. If we do revise the notice, we will post the revised notice in our registration areas, and also post a copy at www.communitymemorial.org so you will have an accurate summary of our practices. You have the right to a paper copy of our notice. You may request a paper copy at any time, even if you have previously agreed to receive this Notice electronically.

How to File a Complaint - If you believe an improper use or disclosure has occurred, or your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with us at:

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You may also file a written complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights. Community Memorial Hospital will not take action or retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

WHAT HEALTH INFORMATION IS PROTECTED

Community Memorial Hospital is committed to protecting the privacy of your health information. Some examples of protected health information are:

- Information about your health condition (such as a disease you may have);
- Information about health care services you have received or may receive in the future (such as an operation);
- Information about your health care benefits under an insurance plan (such as whether a prescription is covered);
- Geographic information (such as where you live or work);
- Demographic information (such as your race, gender, ethnicity, or marital status);
- Unique numbers that may identify you (such as your social security number, your phone number, or your driver's license number); and
- Other identifying information.

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Right to Request Additional Privacy Protections

You have the right to request in writing that we further restrict the way we use and disclose your health information. You may also request that we limit how we disclose information about you to family or friends involved in your care. For example, you could request that we not disclose information about a surgery you had. Generally, Community Memorial Hospital is not required to agree to your request to restrict how we use and disclose your medical information. However, if you request Community Memorial Hospital to restrict the disclosure of your health information to a health plan (your health insurer) related to services or items we provide to you and you pay us for such services or items out-of-pocket in full, we must agree to your request, unless we are required by law to disclose the information. Please note: This restriction will apply only when requested and services are paid in full. Future services without a restriction request and for which no out-of-pocket payment is received will be billed as required by your health plan, which may include current provider notes that reference prior treatments or services previously restricted. If we do agree to a restriction, our agreement will be in writing and we will follow your request unless your health information is needed to provide you emergency care or we terminate the agreement.

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Family Health Centers Consent for Treatment & Financial Responsibility Agreement

Thank you for choosing us as your healthcare provider. We are committed to providing you with the best possible medical care at the lowest possible cost. Your clear understanding of our policies are important to our professional relationship. Please understand that payment for services is a part of that relationship. It is your responsibility to notify our office of any patient information changes (i.e. address, name, insurance information, etc). The following are statements of our Consent for Treatment & Financial Policy, which we require you read and sign prior to any treatment.

Consent for Treatment

This consent provides us with permission to perform reasonable and necessary medical examinations, testing and treatment at this office or any other Family Health Center of Community Memorial Hospital. The consent will remain fully effective until it is revoked in writing. Patients have the right at any time to discontinue services. All patients have the right to discuss the treatment plan with the physician regarding the purpose, potential risks and benefits of any test ordered. If any concerns regarding test or treatment recommended by the health care provider arise, we encourage you to ask questions. Please understand that if additional testing, invasive or interventional procedures are recommended, patients will be asked to read and sign additional consent forms prior to the test(s) or procedure(s).

Co-pays

The patient is expected to present an insurance card at each visit. Please remember that all co-payments and past due balances are due at time of check-in unless previous arrangements have been made with our Billing Supervisor or with **Practice Resources, LLC (PRL)**. We accept cash, check or credit cards.

Outstanding Balance Policy

All patients who have accounts with outstanding balances will have statements mailed on a monthly basis. All past due accounts be sent 3 statements. If payment is not made after the 3 statements, the account will be sent to the collection agency (**Rothman Evans**). In the event an account is turned over for collections, the person financially responsible for the account will be responsible for all collections costs including attorney fees and court costs. Regardless of any personal arrangements that a patient might have outside of our office, if you are over 18 years of age and receiving treatment, you are ultimately responsible for payment of the service.

Insurance Claims

All patients must complete our Patient Information form before seeing our providers. Providing insurance information on that form authorizes the Family Health Centers to release medical information to the patients insurance company for processing of claims.

If you have insurance coverage, and we are a participating provider, we will bill your insurance company as a courtesy to you. In order to properly bill your insurance company we require all insurance information including primary and secondary insurance. Failure to provide complete information may result in patient responsibility for the entire bill. Assignment of benefits will occur after your first visit. Although we may estimate what your insurance company may pay, it is the insurance company that makes the final determination of your eligibility and benefits. Insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company.

By law insurance carriers must remit payment or deny your insurance claim within 30 days of initial notice of claim. If an insurance problem occurs, you will be asked to assist us in contacting your insurance carrier. In the event that we are not participating providers with your insurance carrier, you will be responsible for the payment of all fees at the time service is rendered. We will provide you with a copy of your bill to submit to your insurance company, and reimbursement will be made directly to you. Medicare beneficiaries with current entitlement are responsible only for deductibles, coinsurance or non-covered services.

Self-pay Accounts

Self-pay patients will be responsible for the payment of all fees at the time service and may be eligible for a self-pay percent discount. If full payment is not able to be made patient will be asked to make payment arrangements for the balance. Extended payment arrangements and Financial Assistance Forms are available if needed. Please ask to speak with our Billing Supervisor to discuss a payment plan. It is never our intention to cause hardship to our patients, only to provide them with the best care possible and the least amount of stress.

The Family Health Centers firmly believe that a good physician/patient relationship is based upon understanding and good communications. If you have any questions or need clarification of any of the above policies, please feel free to contact us. To speak with our **Revenue Cycle Manager, Vikki Anthony**, please call 315-824-7089 or you may call our **billing company, PRL**, at 315-937-3015. We will make every effort available to clarify any concern you are having.

I certify that I have read and fully understand the above statements and consent fully and voluntarily to its content.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Pediatric Health History Form

Patient Information

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
 Previous Primary Care Provider (if applicable) _____
 Present Health Concerns? _____

Medical History

Does anyone in the family have:

Cancer Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Lung Disease Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Stroke Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Tuberculosis Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

High Cholesterol Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Diabetes Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Heart Disease Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

High Blood Pressure Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Osteoporosis/Arthritis Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Mental Illness Parent 1 Parent 2 Sibling: _____ Grandparent: _____ Other: _____

Nutrition and Feeding

Was/is your child breastfed? Yes No If yes, for how long? _____
 Has your child had any unusual feeding/dietary problems? Yes No If yes, please provide details: _____

 Type of milk intake now: Cow's milk: Skim 1% 2% Whole Breast
 Almond milk Soy milk Rice milk Average ounces per day (8 oz = 1 cup) _____

Sleep

How many hours per night does your child sleep? _____ How many naps/day? _____ Length of naps? _____
 Any sleep problems? Yes No If yes, describe: _____

Pregnancy and Birth

Was your child born in a hospital or at home? Hospital Home If hospital, which one in what city? _____
 Is your child: Biological Adopted Step-child Foster Grandchild
 Please indicate any medical problems the child's mother had during pregnancy: None Hypertension Diabetes Infections
 What medications did the child's mother take during pregnancy? _____
 Delivery: Vaginal Birth Cesarean If cesarean, why? unknown or _____
 Birth weight _____ Birth length _____
 Please indicate and medical problems during the newborn period: None Premature NICU Stay
 If premature, how early? _____ Other problems? _____

Patient Information

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Past Medical History

Please describe any major medical problems and their dates: _____

Does your child have any allergies to medications or vaccinations? Yes No If so, please list: _____

Hospitalizations (with dates and location of hospital): _____

Operations (with dates and location of hospital): _____

Broken bones/severe sprains: _____

Immunizations: **(please bring your child's immunization record to your appointment)**

Has your child had any of the following: Chicken pox Measles Mumps Rubella Meningitis Tuberculosis (TB)

What medications, vitamins or supplements does your child currently take? _____

Dental History

Does your child see a dentist regularly? Yes No If so, how often? _____

Date of last visit? _____ Does your child have cavities? _____

Name/location of dentist: _____

Development

At what age did your child sit up alone? _____ Walk alone? _____ Say words? _____

Toilet train (daytime)? _____ First menstrual period? _____

Social History

Who lives at home?

Name	Age	Relationship to you	Occupation	Education
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Are child's parents: Married Unmarried Separated Divorced

If separated/divorced, when? _____

Who has legal custody of the child? _____

Who has legal access to the child's medical records? _____ **Please provide custody documents.**

Parent 1 occupation and employer: _____

Parent 2 occupation and employer: _____

Patient Information

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Social History Continued

Does your child attend day care? Yes No If yes: Home day care Day Care Center

Specify caregiver and how many hours per day: _____

Do you have any concerns about your child?

Is violence at home a concern? Yes No Are there guns in the home? Yes No If so, are they locked up? Yes No

Do any household members smoke, chew tobacco or vape? Yes No

If so, please specify whom and what type: _____

How many hours does your child watch TV per day? _____

How many hours is your child on a computer, iPad, phone per day? _____

How many hours does your child play video games per day? _____

School History

Does your child attend school or pre-school? Yes No

If yes, current school district and grade: _____

Do you have any concerns about your child's school performance? Yes No Unknown

Do you have any concerns about your child's relationship with teachers? Yes No Other students? Yes No

If your child is older than 4 years of age, does your child have a best friend? Yes No N/A

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL STAFF

RELEASE

(To be completed by **Medical Records Staff ONLY**)

Validation of Requestor's Identity _____

(Please note what form of ID was presented)

Number of Pages Copied _____ Date _____

Completed by _____

REQUEST

(To be completed by **all staff**)

Request sent by _____

Date _____

Department _____

Sent via: Fax Mail Secure Internet File

Sent with Patient or Patient Representative

Number of Pages Copied _____ Date _____

Patient Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Other Names Used (Maiden Name, etc.) _____

I request that health information regarding my care and treatment be accessed as set forth on this form.
I can choose whether or not to allow the Organization named above to obtain access to my medical records through the health information exchange organization called **HealthConnections**. If I give consent, my medical records from different places where I get health care can be accessed using a statewide computer network.

HealthConnections is a not-for-profit organization that shares information about people's health electronically and meets the privacy and security standards of HIPAA and New York State Law. To learn more, visit HealthConnections website at <http://healthconnections.org/>.

The choice I make on this form will NOT affect my ability to get medical care. The choice I make in this form does NOT allow health insurers to have access to my information for the purpose of deciding whether to provide me with health insurance coverage or pay my medical bills.

<p>My consent choice. ONE box is checked to the left of my choice.</p> <p>I can fill out this form now or in the future.</p> <p>I can also change my decision at any time by completing a new form.</p>
<p>1. I GIVE CONSENT for the Organization named above to access ALL of my electronic health information through HealthConnections to provide health care services. (including emergency care).</p>
<p>2. I DENY CONSENT for the Organization named above to access ALL of my electronic health information through HealthConnections for any purpose, even in a medical emergency.</p>

If I want to deny consent for all Provider Organizations and Health Plans participating in **HealthConnections** to access my electronic health information through **HealthConnections**, I may do so by visiting **HealthConnections** website at <http://healthconnections.org/> or calling **HealthConnections** at 315.671.2241 x5.

My questions about this form have been answered and I have been provided a copy of this form.

Signature of Patient or Patient's Legal Representative _____ Date _____

Print Name of Legal Representative (if applicable) _____ Relationship to Patient (if applicable) _____

Details about the information accessed through HealtheConnections and the consent process:

- 1. How Your Information May be Used:** Your electronic health information will be used only for the following healthcare services:
 - Treatment Services. Provide you with medical treatment and related services.
 - Insurance Eligibility Verification. Check whether you have health insurance and what it covers.
 - Care Management Activities. These include assisting you in obtaining appropriate medical care, improving the quality of services provided to you, coordinating the provision of multiple health care services provided to you, or supporting you in following a plan of medical care.
 - Quality Improvement Activities. Evaluate and improve the quality of medical care provided to you and all patients.
- 2. What Types of Information about You Are Included:** If you give consent, the Provider Organization and/or Health Plan listed may access ALL of your electronic health information available through HealtheConnections. This includes information created before and after the date this form is signed. Your health records may include a history of illnesses or injuries you have had (like diabetes or a broken bone), test results (like x-rays or blood tests), and lists of medicines you have taken. This information may include sensitive health conditions, including but not limited to:

Alcohol or drug use problems	HIV/AIDS	
Birth control and abortion (family planning)	Mental Health conditions	Genetic (inherited) diseases or tests
		Sexually Transmitted diseases

If you have received alcohol or drug abuse care, your record may include information related to your alcohol or drug abuse diagnoses, medications and dosages, lab tests, allergies, substance use history, trauma history, hospital discharges, employment, living situation and social supports, and health insurance claims history.
- 3. Where Health Information About You Comes From:** Information about you comes from places that have provided you with medical care or health insurance. These may include hospitals, physicians, pharmacies, clinical laboratories, health insurers, the Medicaid program, and other organizations that exchange health information electronically. A complete current list is available from HealtheConnections. You can obtain an updated list at any time by checking HealtheConnections website at <http://healtheconnections.org/> or by calling 315.671.2241 x5.
- 4. Who May Access Information About You If You Give Consent:** Only doctors and other staff members of the Organization(s) you have given consent to access who carry out activities permitted by this form as described above in paragraph one.
- 5. Public Health and Organ Procurement Organization Access:** Federal, state or local public health agencies and certain organ procurement organizations are authorized by law to access health information without a patient's consent for certain public health and organ transplant purposes. These entities may access your information through HealtheConnections for these purposes without regard to whether you give consent, deny consent or do not fill out a consent form.
- 6. Penalties for Improper Access to or Use of Your Information:** There are penalties for inappropriate access to or use of your electronic health information. If at any time you suspect that someone who should not have seen or gotten access to information about you has done so, call the Provider Organization directly by accessing their contact information on the HealtheConnections website at <http://healtheconnections.org/>; or call the NYS Department of Health at 518-474-4987; or follow the complaint process of the federal Office for Civil Rights at the following link: <http://www.hhs.gov/ohrt/2rivacv/hipaa/complaints/>.
- 7. Re-disclosure of Information:** Any organization(s) you have given consent to access health information about you may re-disclose your health information, but only to the extent permitted by state and federal laws and regulations. Alcohol/drug treatment-related information or confidential HIV-related information may only be accessed and may only be re-disclosed if accompanied by the required statements regarding prohibition of re-disclosure.
- 8. Effective Period:** This Consent Form will remain in effect until the day you change your consent choice or until such time as HealtheConnections ceases operation (or until 50 years after your death, whichever occurs first). If HealtheConnections merges with another Qualified Entity your consent choices will remain effective with the newly merged entity.
- 9. Changing Your Consent Choice:** You can change your consent choice at any time and for any Provider Organization or Health Plan by submitting a new Consent Form with your new choice. Organizations that access your health information through HealtheConnections while your consent is in effect may copy or include your information in their own medical records. Even if you later decide to change your consent decision they are not required to return your information or remove it from their records.
- 10. Copy of Form:** You are entitled to get a copy of this Consent Form.



Surescripts gives healthcare providers secure, electronic access to prescription information that can save their patients' lives and reduce the cost of healthcare for all. Available during emergencies or routine care, the Surescripts network is used by authorized prescribers nationwide to exchange health information and prescribe without paper.

Surescripts safeguards personal health information.

This is done by implementing administrative, physical, and technical security safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the electronic information that it receives, maintains, or transmits.

I, _____, give consent to Community Memorial Hospital Family Health Centers to retrieve and use my medication history from Surescripts.

My Primary Pharmacy is: _____

My Secondary Pharmacy is: _____

My Mail Order Pharmacy is: _____

Signature: _____

Witness: _____