NEW YORK eHEALTH COLLABORATIVE

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To: SHIN-NY Participants and EMR Partners

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Subject: Update on Statewide Consent Form and Statewide Consent Registry (SCR)

This memorandum describes an important update regarding the planned transition to the new statewide consent form and the Statewide Consent Registry (SCR).

After careful consideration of stakeholder feedback that many of you shared through recent webinars, NYeC and the New York State Department of Health (the Department) have made the decision to suspend implementation of the new statewide consent form. Instead, the focus will remain on advancing the SCR using existing local consent forms — aggregating consent values across Qualified Entities (QEs) to support statewide services, public health, and Medicaid.

Importantly, this change does not require any action from Participants or EMR vendors. There is no expectation to modify current consent workflows, forms, or system configurations or code as the form will not be implemented. Existing local consent processes should continue as they do today.

This decision reflects consistent and thoughtful feedback from stakeholders across the SHIN-NY. Concerns included potential patient confusion, the risk of duplicate form collection, operational burden — particularly for smaller providers — and the possibility that an all-or-nothing consent model could increase opt-out rates, with downstream impacts on care delivery. Additionally, changes in the policy landscape since the statewide consent form was approved in 2023 have shifted the path toward achieving statewide interoperability.

The SHIN-NY will continue to work closely with the Department and stakeholders to strengthen consent practices while ensuring patient privacy and supporting effective data sharing.

We appreciate the thought and effort that has gone into considering changes that would have been required to conform to the statewide consent form and its processes and value your feedback on the same. Thank you for your continued partnership and your commitment to supporting high-quality care across New York State.