

MY COMMENTS on **“CMS Advances Interoperability & Patient Access to Health Data through New Proposals”**

I am very much against these efforts to make my medical records more readily accessible by other parties that I have no control over.

I have reviewed my medical records many times and in every case they contain multiple and very significant errors. Often times things have been entered in error, but sometimes my records also contain information that is totally false, entered by a doctor or other medical worker who appears to have a grudge against me. In one case I was searching for a different doctor who would be in network to my insurance. When I didn't agree with the new doctor's approach to my treatment, she put in my records that "patient is just here to seek drugs".

The current procedures for patients to try to correct errors in their records is a joke. If I disagree, then they will put my comments at the end of hundreds of pages of records in very small type. No one reading my records will find these comments.

There should be much better means for patients to correct errors in their records, so that these things then don't exist. My records say that I have been treated many times for smoking cessation, and yet, I have never smoked! How do I clear this up?

Any improvement on the gathering of all these records by different doctors will just make these problems worse. I don't see adequate means for patients to be in control of their records. Patients need to own their data, just like their private data information.