

# Member Information About Gender, Sex and/or Sexual Orientation in Your Medical Record at GHC-SCW



## Vocabulary:

**Gender Identity:** A person's inner sense of their gender. For example, a person may think of themselves as a man, as a woman, as a combination of man and woman or as another gender that is neither man nor woman.

**Legal Sex:** The sex designated on a person's legal documents, such as their birth certificate, driver's license, passport and social security card.

**Sex Assigned at Birth:** The sex assigned to a person at birth by a health care provider, normally by examining the infant's external genitalia. This is usually recorded on a person's original birth certificate.

**Sexual Orientation:** How a person describes their emotional and/or sexual attraction to others.

**Pronouns:** A word used in place of a person's name. Common pronouns include:

- she, her, hers
- he, him, his
- they, them, theirs

## Frequently Asked Questions:

### Why am I being asked for this information?

Having this information in your medical chart allows your providers to better tailor your medical care to your needs. Additionally, as part of our commitment to Diversity, Health Equity and Inclusivity at Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin (GHC-SCW), we may use group demographic information to identify disparities and work towards improving the quality and service of care at GHC-SCW.

### Am I required to answer these questions?

No. Your decision to either share this information or decline to share this information is a personal choice.

### Who has access to this information?

Information you share with GHC-SCW will become part of your medical record. Your medical record may be seen by others who are involved in your care at GHC-SCW. Additionally, your electronic medical record (including demographic information, test results, appointment notes and other information) may be seen by health care providers at other organizations at which you receive health care services. You have a right to restrict information from being shared outside of GHC-SCW. If you would like more information about restricting access to your health record, please contact the GHC-SCW Privacy Officer at (608) 662-4899. GHC-SCW cannot control access to your medical record once it is shared with an outside organization.

### What control do I have over this information? What protections are in place?

Through GHCMYChart, you as the patient can add, modify and remove information about your sexual orientation and gender identity in the demographic section. For assistance with GHCMYChart, please call our Member Services Department at (608) 828-4853 or toll-free (800) 605-4327. The information you choose to share with GHC-SCW is protected along with the rest of your medical record. For more information about health record privacy, please see the GHC-SCW Privacy Statement on our website.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete these questions. If you would like to discuss this further, we encourage you to speak with your primary care provider.**

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