



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL  
EPISCOPAL HEALTH SERVICES INC.



*Healthix is a health information exchange (HIE) funded by the New York State Department of Health.*

*Healthix provides Participants with patient's data from across the state to improve clinical outcomes & care coordination.*

## Notice to Patients About Episcopal Health Services Inc. “Break the Glass” Use of Healthix

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### PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHIX

Episcopal Health Services Inc. participates in the health information exchange operated by Healthix. Healthix 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.

This Notice is to inform patients being discharged from our Emergency Room that their Protected Health Information may have been accessed through Healthix in a “**Break the Glass**” situation while they were being treated in our Emergency Room.

“**Break the Glass**” access to a patient's records in Healthix is allowed when an authorized staff member of Episcopal Health Services Inc. attests that: (i) an emergency condition exists; (ii) the patient is in immediate need of medical attention; (iii) an attempt to secure consent to access Healthix would result in delay of treatment which would increase the risk to the patient's life or health; and (iv) in his or her reasonable judgement, the information that may be held by or accessible via Healthix may be material to emergency treatment.

If you wish to request an audit log as to whether such “**Break the Glass**” access occurred when you were a patient in our Emergency Room, please contact Episcopal Health Services Inc., Compliance and Privacy Department by phone at 718-869-5711 or by email at [compliance@ehs.org](mailto:compliance@ehs.org).