

(Board Action Affirmed; 2023 Annual Meeting)
Board Adopted Resolution
(October 2022)

ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

Resolution 08.2022-10
(A-23)

Introduced by: Howard Axe, MD, ISMS Member

Subject: Care Partner Access to Medical Records

Referred to: Council on Medical Service

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) should advocate that EHR vendors offer simplified procedures for granting proxy access to care partners (or caregivers) to the electronic health record, including online registration with multifactor authentication to promote security, rather than requiring in person registration; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS should advocate that vendors should develop a simple mechanism for noting and displaying care partner names and contact information in the EHR, along with privacy settings that allow patients to grant proxy access to selected portions of their records, including easy to understand information on use of this information and a user friendly consent mechanism; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the ISMS submit this resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) for advocacy on this issue at the national level; and be it further

RESOLVED, that ISMS, along with the American Medical Association (AMA) support and encourage Congress to modernize HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) laws to ensure that HIPAA rules for preserving the privacy of patient and associated data also cover third party applications' access to EHRs.