I. PURPOSE

The Sensitive Data policy aims to ensure that Greater New Orleans Health Information Exchange (GNOHIE)/Partnership for Achieving Total Health (PATH) Participating Organizations and Members (“Participants”) appropriately exclude Sensitive Data from being shared with the GNOHIE in a manner consistent with sound policy and in accordance with applicable law.

II. SCOPE

This policy describes the responsibility of Participants in excluding Sensitive Data from being shared with the GNOHIE. The provision of specific protocols and procedures governing when and how Sensitive Data is excluded is vital to ensuring ultimate compliance with applicable patient privacy laws, as well as the patient’s right to confidentiality of the medical record.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

A. Responsibility

1. Responsibility for exclusion of Sensitive Data from data being shared with the GNOHIE shall reside with the Sending Participant, which is the GNOHIE/PATH Participant that transmits data to the GNOHIE.

B. Applicable Sensitive Data

1. Sensitive genetic information subject to LA RS 40:1299.6 (Privacy of genetic information) or LA RS 22:1023 (Prohibited discrimination; genetic information; disclosure requirements; definitions)

2. HIV test results subject to LA RS 40:1300.14 (Confidentiality of hiv test results; disclosure)

3. Psychotherapy Notes as defined in the HIPAA Privacy Rule at 45 CFR 164.501
4. Substance abuse treatment records from SAMHSA Part 2 providers/programs subject to 42 CFR Part 2 (Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records)

5. Any other types of sensitive data subject to updates to or newly enacted federal and/or state law