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The New York State Department of Health reminds ePACES users of their responsibility for appropriate use and disclosure of beneficiary PHI. As an ePACES user you have the ability to use and disclose Medicaid beneficiary PHI.

One very important safeguard measure is to NEVER share your ePACES user ID and password with anyone. If you are sharing your ePACES user ID and password with another individual(s) you and the other individual(s) should contact your ePACES Administrator immediately to have unique User IDs created for each.

Guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on health information privacy can be found here:

[http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/coveridentities/minimum\\_necessary.html](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/understanding/coveridentities/minimum_necessary.html)

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