

**Colorado Health Observation Regional Data Service (CHORDS)
Memorandum of Understanding**

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum of understanding (MOU) is to clarify the responsibilities of the recipient of data from the Colorado Health Observation Regional Data Service (CHORDS).

This MOU is between CHORDS and (insert name of data recipient).

Background

The Colorado Health Observation Regional Data Service (CHORDS) is a regional collaborative partnership among Colorado health providers, public health departments, the Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO), and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to share health data. CHORDS collects, analyzes and presents data from participating partners' electronic health records (EHRs) to monitor population health, target areas for intervention, and conduct research and evaluation activities.

CHORDS uses a distributed data approach in which data partners maintain physical and operational control over their electronic data stored in virtual data warehouses (VDWs). CHORDS will aggregate data across data partners, not revealing the source institution. Individual, record-level data may be provided with the appropriate approvals in place, including approval by participating data partners as well as relevant committees (Executive, Governance, Research Council, etc.).

All approved uses of CHORDS data must adhere to the policies and principles outlined in the current CHORDS Governance Plan.

Data Receipt and Use

- To be completed

Data Storage and Security

- To be completed

Terms

This MOU shall be effective on the date signed by (data recipient) and will remain in effect for as long as the user is in possession of CHORDS data or unless amended by mutual agreement between the CHORDS Network or (data recipient).

(Data Recipient) Name:

Date: