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Subject: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Law for
Organ Donation Registration

Dear Chief Executive Officer:

This letter is to inform you of an amendment to New York State Public Health Law Sections 206 and 4310 made by Chapter 662 of the Laws of 2024, effective December 21, 2026, that requires electronic health record vendors that provide electronic health record systems to general hospitals and rural emergency hospitals to include an option for New York State Donate Life Registry enrollment on patient-facing portals.

Effective December 21, 2026, electronic health record vendors are required to include and integrate components into their electronic health record products, implemented for general hospitals in the State regulated under Article 28 of the Public Health Law, in such a manner to allow patients to register directly in the New York State Donate Life Registry for organ, eye, and tissue donations as provided for under [Public Health Law Section 4310]. Electronic health record vendors shall provide the integration of such elements without additional cost, as a component of either existing or new implementation of their electronic health record products. Patient-facing elements of these requirements shall include opportunities for patients to directly register in the New York State Donate Life Registry via patient-facing portals. These requirements also apply to any hospital operating its own patient portal or similar proprietary software.

Once your electronic health record vendor includes the integrated components that allow patients to register directly in the New York State Donate Life Registry for organ, eye, and tissue donations, you and the electronic health record vendor will be required to ensure your hospital's electronic health record patient portal enables this functionality. Your electronic health record vendor will work with your hospital system to roll out this functionality as part of your regular patient portal implementation and update cycle.

The New York State Department of Health and Donate Life New York State are currently working directly with the electronic health record vendors to support implementation of these requirements. You are not being asked to make technical changes at this stage.

To ensure the Department is working with the correct electronic health record vendors, please complete this web form information about your hospital's or health system's patient portal vendor (including in-house personnel, if applicable) and designated contacts: [NYS Donate Life Registry Article 28 Hospital Patient Portal Survey - Donate Life New York State](#). This contact information will enable the Department of Health to provide hospitals with additional relevant information regarding implementation as it becomes available.

A separate notice addressing this amendment has also provided to electronic records vendors operating in New York State and has been attached herein for your reference.

Please forward any questions regarding this letter to Registry_EHR@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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October 13, 2026

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Dear Electronic Health Records Vendor:

This letter is to inform you of an amendment to New York State Public Health Laws Sections 206 and 4310 made by Chapter 662 of the Laws of 2024, effective December 21, 2026, that requires electronic health record vendors that provide electronic health record systems to general hospitals and rural emergency hospitals to include an option for NYS Donate Life Registry enrollment on patient-facing portals.

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Once an electronic health record vendor has included the integrated components that allow patients to register directly in the New York State Donate Life Registry for organ, eye, and tissue donations, that electronic health record vendor will be required to ensure that electronic health record patient portals enable this functionality. It is the responsibility of the electronic health record vendor to work with your hospital systems to roll out this functionality as part of your regular patient portal implementation and update processes.

The New York State Department of Health and Donate Life New York State are currently working directly with each electronic health record vendor to support implementation of these mandatory requirements. To help the Department prepare for future communications related to this requirement, please complete the following Department of Health web form: [HYPERLINK "https://donatelifenys.org/ehr-resources"](https://donatelifenys.org/ehr-resources) [NYS Donate Life Registry | Resource Center for EHR Integrations - Donate Life New York State](#). Hospital partners have also been notified of these new electronic health records vendor requirements. Additional relevant information on this will be provided by the Department of Health in the future, when necessary.

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