

## Queensland Advocacy Incorporated

# My Health Records Fact Sheet

A My Health Record will be created for you, storing your medical information for the past 2 years and onwards electronically, unless you opt out by **15 October 2018**. To help you decide here are some things to consider.



### Pro's:

**Your records in one place** – Allowing for greater access to comprehensive health information for both patients and healthcare providers, providing a convenient way to record and track health information over time.

**Available in emergencies and improved access to records** – The centralised database will allow for easier care management of patients by multiple healthcare providers.

**Choice and control** – You can choose who can access your health care information. Patients can manage their My Health Record including adding information and choosing privacy and security settings

**Self-monitoring** – You can see who has accessed your record.

**Centralised storage for advance health directives** – So that your health practitioner knows your views, wishes and your health attorney maker should you become incapacitated.



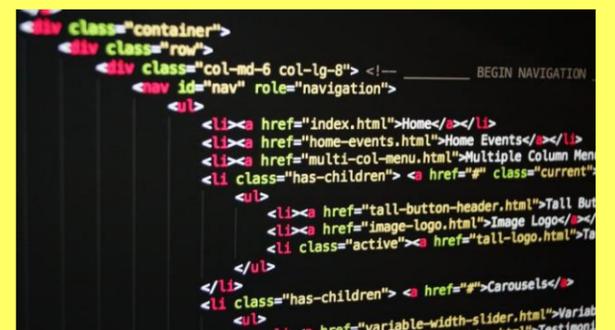
### Con's:

**Privacy breaches** – Online storage of health data poses a risk to privacy and security.

**Reduced patient confidentiality** – Patient healthcare information was previously held within the confidential relationship developed with an individual's doctor. The My Health Record by default permits general access to all documents. This means numerous health professionals may have access to your documents, which may affect confidentiality and patient privacy.

**Third party access** – It is unclear what third party applications My Health Record will have in the future and whether a change of legislation will permit access to other organisations including law enforcement.

**Potential bias** – health providers may learn information about you that attracts stigma in the community, but is irrelevant to your health problem.



If you would like more information please contact QAI on 3844 4200.

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