

# **Data Integrity & Physician Attribution**

# **Attending Physician**

On Monday, March 4, Hospitalist Physicians at all NL Member Organizations, including ED Physicians performing the hospitalist role at NL CA Dean and NL Blue Hill Hospitals will establish a new relationship, Change Attending to Me, through Provider Handoff. The established relationship will update the Attending Physician within the selected patient chart(s) without the need to place the Change Attending order. The new workflow is designed to streamline patient handoff while providing accurate documentation from a quality assessment.

The attached <u>flyer</u> details information specific to using **Provider Handoff**, **Change Attending to Me**, and **Provider Handoff reporting**.

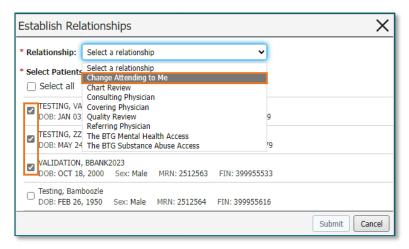
## **Affected Member Organizations**

- NL AR Gould Hospital
- NL Maine Coast Hospital
- NL Blue Hill Hospital
- NL Sebasticook Valley Hospital
- NL CA Dean Hospital
- NL Inland Hospital
- NL Mercy Hospital
- NL EMMC (already live 12/05/23)

#### **Attending Physician Relationship**

The new **Change Attending to Me** relationship can be established through Provider Handoff or by using the Patient List.

- Through Provider Handoff, batch assigning patients can be completed at one time.
- The Attending Physician relationship will automatically be inactivated when another
  physician establishes a Change Attending to Me Relationship.



#### **Existing Relationship and Change Attending Order**

Hospitalist Physicians who have an **existing relationship** with a patient, **i.e.**, **Consulting**, **Chart Review**, will be **unable to establish a new relationship** through Provider Handoff. Placing the **Change Attending** order (*previously known as Change of Attending Physician* 

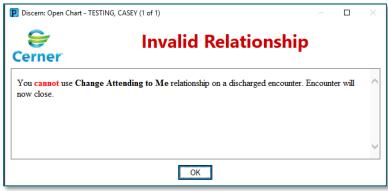
and Change Attending Physician), within the patient's chart, will establish the Attending Physician relationship.



### **Invalid Relationship**

The **Change Attending to Me** relationship can only be established on the following encounters:

- Inpatient
- Swing
- Observation
- OP Occupying a Bed
- Outpatient in a Bed



NOTE: If the Change Attending to Me Relationship is selected on a non-inpatient encounter, a Discern Alert will notify the physician of the invalid relationship. The encounter will immediately close after clicking OK.

Clinical Informatics – Please share this information with all **Hospitalist Physicians at NL AR Gould, Maine Coast, Blue Hill, Sebasticook Valley, CA Dean, Inland and Mercy** and make this a topic of discussion in upcoming rounding.

Behavioral Health: This information does not affect behavioral health caregivers.

Please direct any questions to the Clinical Informatics team using this link.