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## MEDICAL IMAGING

### Impact of New Federal Legislation on the Timing of Radiology Reports Released to Patients

New federal regulations by The Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid designed to give patients easier access to their medical records mandate the **immediate release of test results, including radiology reports, to patients**. This legislation goes into effect on **November 2, 2020**. We wanted to ensure you were aware of this change in information delivery.



#### What this means for patients:

Previously, radiology reports were released to the patient through the Johns Hopkins MyChart portal 3 days after the final sign-off by the radiologist.

**To comply with the new regulation, patients' radiology reports will be released immediately in the Johns Hopkins MyChart patient portal upon final signature by the radiologist.**

Follow these links for more information about the regulation and categories of exemption.

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act Regulation: [www.healthit.gov/curesrule/](http://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/)
- Categories of exemption: [www.healthit.gov/topic/information-blocking](http://www.healthit.gov/topic/information-blocking)

#### Questions?

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