

Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Records

For individuals who have received treatment, diagnosis or referral for treatment from our substance use disorder programs, the confidentiality of drug or alcohol use records is protected by federal law and regulations. As a general rule, we may not tell a person outside the programs that you attend any of these programs, or disclose any information identifying you as an alcohol or drug user, unless:

- you authorize the disclosure in writing; or
 - the disclosure is permitted by a court order; or
 - the disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit or program evaluation purposes; or
 - you threaten to commit a crime either at the substance use disorder program or against any person who works for our drug abuse or alcohol programs.
1. A violation by us of the federal law and regulations governing drug or alcohol use is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to the United States Attorney in the district where the violation occurs.
 2. Federal law and regulations governing confidentiality of drug or alcohol use require us to report suspected child abuse or neglect under state law to appropriate state or local authorities.
 3. Please see 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2 for federal law and 42 C.F.R., Part 2 for federal regulations governing confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records.