

Confidentiality

The confidentiality of alcohol, drug abuse and/or mental health treatment records maintained by this program is protected by Federal Law and Regulations in 42 C.F.R. Part 2; by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 & 164; and by State Confidentiality laws and Regulations. Generally, the program may not say to a person outside the program that a participant attends the program, or disclose any information identifying a participant as an alcohol or drug abuser UNLESS:

1. The participant or participant's legal representative consents in writing.
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order signed by a judge and following the requirements in 42 C.F.R. Part 2;
3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation;
4. A crime is committed by a participant against the program or a person who works for the program;
5. A participant threatens harm to another person;
6. A participant discloses information about or commits suspected child abuse or neglect or elder abuse or neglect.

Violation of the Federal law and Regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal Regulations. See the "Notice of Privacy Policies & Practices" for more information.

I acknowledge that the above information has been explained to me in such a manner and language that I understand.

Participant Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date