

Patient Confidentiality Statement

“The confidentiality of alcohol and substance use disorder records maintained by this program is protected by federal law and regulations. Generally, the program may not say to a person outside the program that a patient is involved in the program or disclose any information identifying a patient as an alcohol or drug abuser unless:

- (1) The patient consents in writing;
- (2) The disclosure is allowed by a court order; or

(3) The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit, or program evaluation.

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. Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a patient either at the program or against a person who works for the program or about a threat to commit such a crime. Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information contained in patient medical records about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported or subpoenaed under State law for consideration by appropriate State or local authorities.”

42 C.F.R. §2.22