

Notice to Patient: Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records

The confidentiality of substance use disorder (SUD) patient records that we maintain is protected by federal law. Generally, we may not say to a person outside this SUD program that a patient attends the program, or disclose any information identifying a patient as having, or having had, a substance use disorder unless:

- The patient consents in writing;
- The disclosure is allowed by a court order;
- The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency
- The disclosure is made to the FDA if someone's health is threatened by an error in the manufacture, labeling, or sale of an FDA-regulated product;
- The disclosure is made to qualified personnel for research purposes; or
- The disclosure is made for audit or program evaluation purposes.

Violation of the federal statute and regulations is a crime (*see 42 U.S.C. Section 290dd-2 for federal statute and 42 C.F.R. part 2 for federal regulations*). Suspected violations by an SUD program may be reported to:

[SUD program to fill in the contact information for the U.S. Attorney in the program's district]

Suspected violations by an opioid treatment program may be reported to the U.S. Attorney above or to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) office below:

SAMHSA
San Francisco Federal Building
90 7th Street, 8th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Federal law does not protect:

- Information about a crime committed by a patient on the premises of the SUD program or against any person who works for the program.
- Information about suspected child abuse or neglect that must be reported under state law to appropriate state or local authorities.

Reference: 42 U.S.C. Section 290dd-2 for federal statute and 42 C.F.R. part 2 for federal regulations.