

CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PATIENT RECORDS

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient 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 you attend(ed) the program, or disclose any information identifying you as an alcohol or drug abuser
Unless:

- (1) You or your legal representative 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 you either at the program or against any person who works for the program or about any threat to commit such a crime.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under State law to appropriate State or local authorities.

(See 42 USC 290dd-3 and 42 USC 29033-3 for Federal laws and 42 CFR Part 2 for Federal regulations.)

NOTES: ¹ MCCMH Policy 9-09-010, "Notice of Privacy Practices," which is available at the Administrative Offices and each service site of MCCMH, contains additional restrictions on the uses and disclosures of information in your patient records.

² MCCMH shall abide by PATRIOT Act/FISA court orders which require the production of any tangible things (including books, records, papers, documents, and other items), including consumer records.

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