

Notice of Federal Requirements Regarding the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Information

The confidentiality of substance use disorder 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 a patient attends the program, or disclose any information identifying a patient as an alcohol or drug abuser unless:

1. The patient consents in writing; or
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order accompanied by a subpoena; 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 federal law and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to the United States Attorney in the district where the violation occurs.

Federal law 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.

The releases of information will remain active and valid for one year from the date of signature OR until 90 days after discharge (whichever comes first) OR until a specific date, event, or condition as listed on the form. There are two ways to revoke a release of information: Come in to the COR Plus facility where you were scheduled to receive treatment and sign the revocation, or fax in a written statement with your name, signature, date and release(s) you would like to be revoked.

(See 42 U.S.C. §290dd-2 for federal law and 42 C.F.R. Part 2 for federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records.)