Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records Per 42 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 2

Federal law and regulations protect the confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records maintained by this program. 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;
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order; or
3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to designated and qualified staff 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 any threat to commit a crime.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported, in accordance with State law, to the appropriate agency or authorities.

Source: "Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records" *Code of Federal Regulations,* 2000. 42 CFR, chapter 1, part 2