

# RECOVERY & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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## CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

Federal laws and regulations require that records about alcohol and other drug abuse treatment and mental health treatment be kept confidential. Failure to keep these records confidential is a crime, which can be reported to the appropriate authorities.

Confidentiality means that a treatment provider cannot inform a person or agency outside of the treatment program that a client is in treatment or connected in any way to the treatment agency.

**UNLESS:** -the client signs a release of information to the treating person/agency.

- the court delivers a written order.
- medical personnel need information due to a medical emergency.
- program evaluation or research is done by qualified personnel who maintain the same confidentiality as the program.
- information is needed to process insurance claims.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect information about a crime committed by a client, or against any person working in the agency or about any threat to commit a crime. Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information regarding suspected child abuse or neglect, according to state law.

CLIENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

THERAPIST: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_