

# CONFIDENTIALITY OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE CLIENTS

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records maintained by this program is protected by Federal Law and Regulations. General, the program may not say to a person outside the program that a patient attends the programs, 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 qualified personnel for research, audit or program evaluations.

Violations 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 Laws and Regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a patient either at the programs 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.

I understand that Health Care for the Homeless is a recipient of Ryan White CARE Act funds, which are used to support my care. Health Care for the Homeless is required to report statistical and demographic data to the Health Resources and Services Administration. No identifying information such as name, address is ever reported and data are always reported in a summary format. Additional client level data related to my specific care plan may also be reported.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have received and understand the  
[Print Name of Client]  
above notice concerning my confidentiality rights at Health Care for the  
Homeless. I have also received a copy of these rights.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

CLIENT LAST NAME:

FIRST:

HCH#: