



How long will my information be shared?

You choose! If you agree to share, you can choose when your consent to share information should end. Even after choosing a date, you can take back or cancel your permission at any time.

Of course, information may have already been shared with providers before you cancel or take back your permission.

How do I give my permission?

A short form is all that is needed to consent to share information. We can walk you through it.

What You Should Know About Substance Use Disorder Information Sharing

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Why are we asking for this?

Our goal is to provide you with the best and safest care possible.

We are asking for your Substance Use Disorder (SUD) information to be shared with providers with the same level of confidentiality as other health care information.

Sharing this information allows your providers to see you as a whole person. For example, sharing this information:

Allows your SUD treatment provider to better coordinate with your diabetes doctor.

Allows the doctor treating your high blood pressure to understand what medications you are receiving from your SUD provider.



How do I know my treatment information won't be shared without my permission?

Sharing your information is voluntary. Your treatment records are strictly protected under federal law and, in most instances, will not be shared without your permission.

Under Federal Law 42 CFR Part 2: You are entitled to seek treatment without fear of legal or social consequences.

The privacy and confidentiality of your records prevents their sharing without your permission.

Who will my information be shared with?

You are in control of who has access to your treatment records. You have the following options:

- You can choose to provide a general approval to all individuals and entities that you have/might have received treatment from.
- You can choose to be very specific and share your information with only specifically named individuals or entities.

Will this information be shared with my family, landlord or employer?

No, your information will not be shared without your permission.

