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 <p style="text-align: center;">DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLICY AND PROCEDURES</p>	DAI Policy #: 500.50.10	Page 1 of 7
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Chapter: 500 Health Services		
Subject: Authorized Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) Without Inmate Patient Authorization		

POLICY

Division of Adult Institution facilities shall disclose outside of the Department of Corrections Protected Health Information without the written authorization of an inmate patient, or person authorized to act on behalf of the inmate patient, only as permitted under federal and Wisconsin law pursuant to a court order or a legal exception. The federal or Wisconsin confidentiality law that provides the most stringent privacy protection to the inmate patient shall be followed.

REFERENCES

Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 48 – Children's Code

Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 51 – State Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Act

Wisconsin Statutes s. 51.30 – State Alcohol, Drug Abuse, Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health Act, Records

Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 55 – Protective Service System

Wisconsin Statutes ss.146.81-.84 – Miscellaneous Health Provisions

Wisconsin Statutes s. 252.15 – HIV Test Results

Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 971 – Criminal Procedure – Proceedings Before and at Trial

Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 975 – Sex Crimes Law

Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 980 – Sexually Violent Person Commitments

42 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2, AODA Records

45 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 160 and 164, Health Insurance Portability and Accounting Act (HIPAA)

DAI Policy 500.50.09 – Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) With Inmate Patient Authorization and Court Orders

DAI Policy 500.50.15 – Request for Accounting of Disclosures of PHI Without Authorization

Attachment 1 – Disclosure Of PHI For Workers' Compensation Claim

Attachment 2 – Permitted Disclosures Under 42 C.F.R. PART 2 Regarding AODA Information

Attachment 3 – De-Identification of PHI

Attachment 4 – Required Recording/Logging

DEFINITIONS

AODA – Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

CMR – Central Medical Records

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Correctional facility – Institution or correctional center operated by DAI.

Disclosure of PHI – Release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of PHI outside of DOC.

DOC – Department of Corrections

DOC-1163A – Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)

DOC-3342 – Disclosure of PHI Without Patient Authorization

Health Care Record – Official DOC record that includes the Medical Chart, Dental Record Psychological Records-Copies envelope, Medications Record envelope, Patient Request Folder, Psychological Services Unit Record, and other components as determined by the Bureau of Health Services.

Health Information – Any information, including genetic information, whether oral or recorded in any form or medium, that: is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, public health authority, employer, life insurer, school or university, or health care clearinghouse; and relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual, or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual.

HIV – Human immunodeficiency virus

HSU – Health Services Unit

Individually identifiable health information – Information that is a subset of health information, including demographic information collected from an individual, and: is created or received by a health care provider, health plan, employer, or health care clearinghouse; and relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and that identifies the individual; or with respect to which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual.

IV – Intravenous

Patient – An individual who receives health care services from a health care provider.

Protected Health Information (PHI) – Individually identifiable health information transmitted by electronic media; maintained in electronic media; or transmitted or maintained in any other form or medium.

Psychological Services Unit (PSU) – Psychologists and support staff who provide psychological services to an inmate patient residing in a correctional facility.

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PROCEDURE

I. Legal Paths to Disclosure of PHI

- A. Valid authorization signed by the subject, or person authorized to act on behalf of the inmate patient. See DAI Policy 500.50.09.
- B. Court order. See DAI Policy 500.50.09.
- C. Legal exception under an applicable Wisconsin or federal confidentiality law, as described in this policy.

II. Legally Authorized Disclosures (Statutory Exceptions) Without Inmate Patient Authorization: Summary

- A. To Treatment Providers
 1. PHI needed by health providers, within and outside of the DOC, to perform job duties while rendering assistance to an inmate patient, or being consulted regarding the health of an inmate patient. See "3." for exceptions.
 2. HIV test results to a health provider who provides care during an emergency.
 3. Limitations of statutory exception:
 - a. Mental health and developmental disability information created by non-DOC providers beyond the limited data defined under Wisconsin Statutes s. 51.30(4)(b) 8g.
 - b. AODA information covered by 42 C.F.R. Part 2, created by DOC and non-DOC health providers.
 - c. Contact, as needed, with HIPAA Compliance Officer regarding disclosure of retrieval information under "a." and AODA information.
- B. To entities involved in the payment for off-site health care services provided to inmate patient; i.e., Third Party Administrator that pays, on behalf of the DOC, bills submitted by off-site health care providers.
- C. To certain entities to facilitate DOC health care operations.
- D. To county agency, law enforcement and District Attorney for reporting abuse/neglect:
 1. Medical information to investigate suspected child abuse/neglect.
 2. Mental health information to county agency, department, protective services agency and law enforcement for reporting abuse/neglect of child under Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 48 or of an adult under Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 55.
- E. To certain entities upon death of an inmate patient:
 1. Coroner or medical examiner to enable them to complete death certificate.
 2. Department of Health Services, law enforcement and District Attorney to enable them to investigate certain deaths.

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3. Sexual partners and co-users of IV drugs may be told HIV test results when infected person dies. Contact HIPAA Compliance Officer prior to any disclosure in this instance.
- F. To law enforcement and correctional facilities:
1. To health care provider at prison or jail in order to provide continuity of health services.
 2. Limited mental health information to law enforcement for person committed under Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 51, 971 or 975.
 3. Medical information to a sheriff to assess compliance with driver safety plan.
- G. To entities performing audits, program monitoring, oversight of licensed professionals, etc.
- H. To state epidemiologist to report certain communicable diseases, as required by Wisconsin Statutes.
- I. To subject's attorney and attorney for public for proceedings under Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 980. This does not include AODA information.
- J. To legally designated protection and advocacy agency Disability Rights of Wisconsin for investigations.
- K. To federal or state governmental agency: Consult with HIPAA Compliance Officer regarding a request from federal government relating to military service, national security, protection of the president, etc.
- L. To entities involved in an application for Workers' Compensation. See Attachment 1.
- M. To certain entities under very limited circumstances under AODA regulations. See Attachment 2.
- N. De-Identified PHI. See Attachment 3.
- O. Contact HIPAA Compliance Officer for additional guidance regarding permitted disclosures under statutory exceptions, and for a copy of a detailed table describing all exceptions under several Wisconsin and federal laws.
- III. Disclosing PHI**
- A. Health staff shall verify the identity of a person requesting PHI by obtaining documentation from the requester, such as asking that the request be sent to the DOC on the requester's letterhead, or that requester provide the phone number of the hospital, clinic or agency to enable DOC to call back the requester.

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- B. Health staff shall use great care when disclosing PHI to an individual/entity authorized to receive PHI under this policy by verifying names, phone numbers, fax numbers and addresses.
- C. If sending PHI via email, click on “encrypt message” to send PHI securely. This will require the recipient to obtain a password, unless DOC has an established secure network with the recipient, such as another state agency or hospital/other entity with which DOC has a contractual relationship.

IV. Recording Certain Authorized Disclosures Made Without Inmate Patient Authorization

- A. Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 146 and Ch. 51, and HIPAA regulations have different requirements regarding the recording of disclosure of PHI, and the inspection of health care records. See Attachment 4.
- B. Complete the DOC-3342 – Disclosure of PHI Without Patient Authorization to meet the recording requirements under Ch. 51 and HIPAA regulations. Note that recording of disclosures under Ch. 51 only applies to disclosure of documents with mental health/developmental disability information created by non-DOC health providers.
- C. Read the top of the DOC-3342 to determine whether the disclosure made requires logging. For example, DOC is not required to record disclosures made to another treatment provider, or with the authorization of the inmate patient.
- D. Information entered on the DOC-3342 includes the name of the non-DOC recipient of the PHI, date/time of the disclosure, description of PHI disclosed, purpose of the disclosure, and initials of DOC employee completing the form.
- E. File the DOC-3342 and the written request received (if any) for the disclosure of the PHI in the Medical Chart, Miscellaneous Section, or PSU Record, Legal Section.
- F. Record information about the inspection of the Health Care Record, required by Ch. 146, on the DOC-1163A – Authorized Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) Without Inmate Patient Authorization, or equivalent form.

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DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Facility: Name		
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Warden's/Center Superintendent's Approval:		

REFERENCES**DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS****FACILITY PROCEDURE**

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RESPONSIBILITY

I. Staff

II. Inmate

III. Other