

## **Template #1: Confidentiality and Family Access to Information**

You have the right to have information about your behavioral health treatment kept private. You also have the right to look at your own clinical records or to request and receive a copy of your records. You have the right to ask us to amend or correct your clinical record if there is something with which you do not agree. Please remember, though, your clinical records can only change as allowed by applicable law. Generally, information about you can only be given to others with your permission. However, there are times when your information is shared to coordinate your treatment or when it is required by law.

Family members have the right to provide information to the [Contractor] about you. However, without a Release of Information signed by you, the [Contractor] may not give information about you to a family member. For minor children under the age of 18 years, parents/guardians are provided information about their child and must sign a release of information before information can be shared with others.

If you receive substance abuse services, you have rights related to confidentiality specific to substance abuse services.

Under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), you will be provided with an official Notice of Privacy Practices from your community mental health services program (CMHSP). This notice will tell you all the ways that information about you can be used or disclosed. It will also include a listing of your rights provided under HIPAA and how you can file a complaint if you feel your right to privacy has been violated.

If you feel your confidentiality rights have been violated, you can call the Office of Recipient Rights (ORR) where you get services.

[Note to the Contractor: you may add additional information to this template]

The Contractor should tailor the contact information in the brackets to reflect their local operations and may add local or additional information to the templates.