

Additional Information regarding Disclosure of Information

Regent Mental Health Group honors a patient's right to confidentiality of medical information as provided under federal and state law. Please read the following guidelines before signing this authorization.

No Obligation to Sign

You are under no obligation to sign this form and you may refuse to do so. Except as permitted under applicable law, any therapist or physician may not refuse to provide you treatment if you refuse to sign this form.

Revocation

You have the right to revoke this authorization, in writing, at any time before it ends. However, your written revocation will not affect any disclosures of your medical information that the person(s) and/or organization(s) listed on the reverse side of this form have already made, in reliance on this authorization, before the time you revoke it. In addition, if this authorization was obtained for the purpose of insurance coverage, your revocation may not be effective in certain circumstances where the insurer is contesting a claim. Your revocation must be made in writing and addressed to: RMHG 700 Rayovac Dr, Ste 103, Madison, WI 53711.

Re-release

If the person(s) and/or organization(s) authorized by this form to receive your medical information are not health care providers or other people who are subject to federal health privacy laws, the medical information they receive may lose its protection under federal health privacy laws and those people may be permitted to re-release your medical information without your prior permission.

Right to Inspect

You have the right to inspect or copy the medical information whose disclosure you are authorizing with certain exceptions provided under state and federal law. If you would like to inspect your records, contact the Office Manager of Regent Mental Health Group.

Copying Fees

If you are requesting disclosures/release of information to other hospitals, clinics or physicians for further medical care, no copying fees will be charged. You must pay for copies you request for other purposes.

Signatures

Generally, all patients 18 years of age or older, must sign for the release of their records. If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign this form for you. However, there are many situations in which this general rule does not apply:

- a) The patient is incompetent.
- b) The patient is disabled or cannot sign the form.
- c) The patient is deceased. (The surviving spouse or legal representative must sign authorizations releasing records of the deceased patient).

Patients less than 18 years of age must sign for release of their medical records when:

- a) The patient is 14 years of age or older and the records involve treatment for mental illness, alcoholism or drug dependence.
- b) The patient's records for release include an abortion procedure.

*All persons signing for release of records, instead of the patient, must state their relationship to the patient and have available proof of legal authority to release records.