



MOTS Messenger, a newsletter for those using the Measures & Outcomes Tracking System

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## **MOTS Reporting and 42 CFR Part 2**

MOTS support regularly receives questions regarding 42 CFR and reporting to MOTS.

42 CFR is the federal confidentiality law and regulations that protect the privacy of substance use disorder (SUD) patient records. It prohibits unauthorized disclosures of patient records except in limited circumstances. Congress enacted the legislation in the 1970s to encourage individuals with SUDs to enter and remain in treatment. The regulations implementing the law are at 42 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 2 and are commonly referred to as "Part 2." Here is a link to the fundamentals of the law, <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/who-we-are/laws-regulations/confidentiality-regulations-faqs>

The intention of MOTS is to be used as an audit system. The federal government sends money to the states. Each state sends federal money along with its own funds to providers. In return, providers submit data into the state-mandated system which is MOTS in Oregon. Built into 42 CFR are carveouts in the regulation for state agencies that collect data:

*(2) Performs the audit or evaluation on behalf of:*

*(i) Any federal, state, or local governmental agency that provides financial assistance to the part 2 program or other lawful holder, or is authorized by*

*law to regulate the activities of the part 2 program or other lawful holder;  
or*

*(ii) Any individual or entity which provides financial assistance to the part 2 program or other lawful holder, which is a third-party payer covering patients in the part 2 program, or which is a quality improvement organization performing a utilization or quality control review, or such individual's or entity's or quality improvement organization's contractors, subcontractors, or legal representatives.*

MOPTS reporting is compliant with 42 CFR regulations.

### **April CE Webinar and Hands-on Client Entry (CE) Training**

**April 1 CE Webinar** — Keep up-to-date with changes and the latest information about CE. If you have questions, send them in before the webinar or take a moment during the webinar to ask. Register here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/77376335105765634>

~~**April 14 CE Hands-on Training**~~ — **THIS TRAINING HAS BEEN CANCELED.** If you need CE training email [MOTS.Support@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:MOTS.Support@dhsosha.state.or.us)

### **Field Focus; Date of Birth**

As discussed with the various name fields in previous months, there is a matrix that is used in the background of MOTS to identify clients as individuals, to avoid and identify duplicates. One of the important elements of that calculation is the date of birth. This is the reason why the field is locked once the client has been submitted.

There is no “unknown” value for this field, no set way to mark clients who refuse to give the information or are unable to. If a placeholder date of birth is entered into the field, the effect is to create a duplicate client record if that individual has already been entered in that facility or any other.

The biggest mistake people make with this field is to enter the current date, as opposed to the birthdate, then submit. It is important to have the correct birthdate on the

record. To make corrections to this field like the other locked fields, complete a MOTS Data Corrections Request. Someone from MOTS support will make the change in the system. Here is a link to the form: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/AMH-MOTS/Pages/resource.aspx>

Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you have ideas or questions you want to see addressed in future newsletters, please let me know.

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