



Your Health Information and Privacy under Oregon and Federal Law: Frequently Asked Questions

Here are general responses to some common questions about how the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) protects, uses, and shares your health information. For full details, read the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Who can see or use my health information?

If you are receiving certain services and this notice, OYA can use or share your health information for some reasons. For example, we may share information with health care providers who are treating you. We may also use information to manage your health care services or pay for your care. There are other times when the law allows or requires OYA to share health information. This may include certain health and safety concerns, to report suspected abuse or neglect, or some legal matters. Some types of health information have extra privacy protections.

Can my mental health information and substance use disorder records be shared?

Mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) records have specific privacy protections. In some situations, these records have extra protections under state or federal law. For example, there are special rules about using or sharing certain SUD records in an investigation or legal case against you. Your permission or a court order may be required. If you have questions about who can see your mental health or SUD records, you can ask OYA's Privacy Officer.

Can OYA share my health information with my family or JPPO?

In some situations, you can tell OYA whether you want information shared with your family, close friends, or other people involved in your care. Your Juvenile Parole and Probation Officer (JPPO) may use or share some health information as part of providing case management services. For example, a JPPO may share information with a community treatment provider when making a referral for you. This does not mean that your family or JPPO can automatically see all your health information.

Can I find out who OYA has shared my health information with?

Yes. You can ask for a list of certain times OYA shared your health information during the past 6 years. This is sometimes called an "accounting." The list can tell you who received your information and why it was shared. However, some types of sharing will not appear on the list. For example, it generally will not include information shared for treatment, payment, or health care operations. You can get one accounting each year for free. There may be a fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

Who can I ask if I don't understand my privacy rights?

It's okay to ask questions about your health information and privacy rights. You can contact the OYA Privacy Officer if you don't understand something in the privacy notice or have questions about how your information is used or shared.

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