



Confidentiality Notice to All Patients

We collect personal information from patients that is often highly sensitive and private in nature. We respect the confidentiality of this information. If you receive treatment through another program within the organization or with PrairieCare Medical Group, an affiliated covered entity, we may reveal personal information to that program on a need-to-know basis. Generally, we do not reveal personal information except as necessary to comply with law and to furnish services or benefits. Ordinarily, we only furnish information to persons outside the organization at your written request or direction, except in the following circumstances:

1. A serious threat to anyone’s health or safety (this includes our patient, their family, and the public at large);
2. Court ordered information;
3. Child abuse and neglect cases;
4. Abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults;
5. As per our Notice of Privacy Practices.

You may request access to the records we maintain and to know where your records have been sent. Refer to the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Some patients may not wish to have their presence at PrairieCare known to others. It is necessary, therefore, that individuals respect the patient’s choice by refraining from any comment concerning another individual’s presence at PrairieCare.

Additional Confidentiality Notice Regarding Alcohol and Drug Information

Federal law and regulations protect the confidentiality of patients’ alcohol and drug abuse records . These regulations apply regardless of which program is currently providing services to you. Generally, staff may not disclose to any outside interest that a patient attends the program, or disclose any information identifying a patient as an alcohol or drug abuse patient UNLESS:

1. The patient consents in writing;
2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order;
3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency;
4. The disclosure is made to qualified personnel for research, credit, or program evaluation.

Violations of the Federal law and regulations by an organization is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal regulations. Federal law restricts the use of any information to criminally investigate or prosecute any alcohol or drug abuse client. Federal law does not protect any information about a crime committed by a client either at the treatment site or against any PrairieCare employee, or about any threat to commit a crime. Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under state law to appropriate State and local authorities. (See 42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 for Federal law and 42 CFR part 2 for Federal regulations).

By signing this document I acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised of PrairieCare’s policy regarding confidentiality and have received the Notice of Privacy Practices.
2. I agree to protect the confidentiality of other patients I encounter while involved with PrairieCare.
3. I have been given an opportunity to obtain a copy of this document.

Signature of Patient

Date

Signature of Parent / Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Witness

Date