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Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center

LIMITS OF CONFIDENTIALITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE (CBHS)

With the advent of the electronic medical record AHLTA, the Behavioral Health Department will be entering all medical/psychiatric information into the electronic record. Under the conditions set forward by HIPPA and the Privacy Act, all members of the DoD health team who are involved in providing you or your family members care will have access to the medical records. Besides utilization of information for medical care, the following are possible examples of situations and circumstances under which information may be disclosed without your prior consent:

1. A provider may disclose patient care information if in good faith, he or she believes the disclosure or use is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person, to include the patient, or the public.
2. In situations of suspected physical, emotional, or sexual child abuse or neglect, spouse abuse, or disabled adult/elder abuse, it is the duty of the provider to notify medical, legal or other authorities.
3. If you are involved in legal action/proceedings, your records may be subject to subpoena or lawful directive from a military or civilian court. *Stacy asked family*
4. Active duty personnel who are identified as have a substance problem (drug or alcohol abuse, under-age drinking, or other substance of abuse) will be referred to the Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP). This will result in notification of your commander by the ASAP of the medical referral.
5. Commanders of Active Duty personnel may be allowed access to certain information if authorized by regulation. Examples of such instances include: if your consultation to the Behavioral Health Department was initiated by a Command Directed Referral, if information obtained is legitimately needed in the conduct of a line of duty investigation, if a Service Member falls under the Nuclear Surety Program or Personnel Reliability Program (PRP) or for personnel on Flight Status. If you are an AIT student and you "no-show" for a scheduled appointment, your commander may be notified that you missed a scheduled appointment.
6. You or your child/adolescent may be seen in group therapy. If so, every member of the group will be told that anything discussed is private, including the names of the group members or any problems they present. Such information is not to be discussed with anyone outside the group. Confidentiality will exist only to the extent that each patient trusts and respects every other member of the group. *No Confidentiality in Group*
7. Demographic and testing data may be used for Quality Management or research purposes; however, this would only occur after individually identifying information may be removed.
8. Unit Commanders are provided CBHS appointment lists for AIT students in the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade for accountability and transportation purposes. Commanders protect these appointment lists by not displaying them in a public area and not publically announcing Soldiers as having anything other than a "Medical Appointment". If you have any concerns, please notify your provider.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I have read the above and understand that information about me will be safeguarded with the limits of confidentiality outlined above and in the Privacy Act statement.

Signature of Patient or Parent/Guardian

Last Four SSN

Date Signed

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1300 HRS

Signature of Service Provider

Date Signed

PATIENT'S IDENTIFICATION (For typed for written entries give: Name last, first, middle; grade; date; hospital or medical facility)

Governed by the Privacy Act of 1974.

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