

Provider Script to Capture Patient's Consent to Share SUD Treatment Information

I want to discuss how we can enhance your care by sharing your health information securely through CRISP DC, our partner Health Information Exchange (HIE). In the District of Columbia, your healthcare data is shared through the HIE by participating organizations, unless you choose to opt-out of sharing your health information.

However, due to the specific regulations of 42-CFR Part 2, a federal regulation that governs the confidentiality of drug and alcohol abuse records, your substance use disorder (SUD) treatment data is not automatically shared. Your *explicit consent* is required for this information to be shared through the HIE. Only healthcare providers directly involved in your care can access this information, and only if you agree to share it.

You have multiple options for data sharing:

- 1. Comprehensive Clinical Data:** This includes your treatment plans, medications, laboratory results, clinical notes, and more. Choosing to share comprehensive data ensures that all your providers are well-informed about your care, which helps manage your treatment more effectively without redundant tests or repeated questions. This simplifies your care process, reduces unnecessary emergency room visits, and significantly improves your health outcomes.
- 2. Contact Information Only:** If you prefer more limited sharing, you can choose to share only the contact information of your SUD treatment providers. This still allows for some level of coordination but limits the amount of clinical data shared.

By consenting to share your SUD data, you can help all members of your care team see a more detailed picture of your health. This holistic approach to sharing helps us tailor your medications and treatment plans more effectively, avoiding potential complications and duplicative efforts.

You are always in control of your consent. Your consent expires at a date you choose (extending up to five years from the date the consent is registered) and you may choose to revoke your consent at any time.

Your healthcare team is here to support you in making the decision that feels right for you. Please don't hesitate to reach out and ask questions about your consent.