

Explaining SUD Data Sharing Through CRISP DC: A Script for Providers

Hi _____,

I'd like to talk with you about how we can enhance your care using CRISP DC, our trusted Health Information Exchange (HIE). This system helps your care team securely share your health information to work more closely together and provide the support you need. While healthcare data in the District of Columbia is typically shared through the HIE, you always have the option to opt out if you prefer.

For your substance use disorder (SUD) treatment information, there are extra protections under federal law (42 CFR Part 2). This law ensures that your SUD treatment data is not automatically shared. To share this information, we need your explicit consent. This means only authorized individuals directly involved in your care—such as providers or care coordinators—can access it.

Sharing your SUD information can offer important benefits. It provides your care team with a full picture of your health, including treatment plans, medications, lab results, and clinical notes. This can reduce unnecessary tests, save time during appointments, and help your care team make better decisions about your treatment. It also avoids duplicating efforts and supports better health outcomes overall.

It's important to note that once your SUD data is shared, authorized individuals may use or share it further, as allowed by law. While you can revoke your consent at any time, any information already shared cannot be retrieved.

We're here to support you and answer any questions you have about this process. Do you have any concerns or questions I can address for you?