

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) Program Activities: Confidentiality & Consent

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Confidentiality & Consent

- » Confidential and sensitive information should be treated with particular care and awareness when working with minors and non-minor dependents (NMDs) in out-of-home placement.
- » Protected health information (PHI) is to be used or disclosed in accordance with Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA), HCPCFC staff must take additional steps to consider safety concerns and the appropriateness of certain disclosures and/or documentations based upon each individual and situation.

Documentation of Sensitive & Confidential Information

- » The Health and Education Passport (HEP) is shared with a wide range of individuals, for a wide variety of purposes, and HCPCFC staff should consider the inherent risk of individuals learning certain sensitive information, and how this risk might be mitigated by approaching every documentation and every interaction from this perspective.
- » Understanding confidentiality and HIPPA requirements is imperative for all HCPCFC staff, not just the social work (SW) and probation officer (PO).

Reproductive & Sexual Health

See these documents for information:

- » All County Information Notice (ACIN) [I-06-20](#) (January 27, 2020)
- » All County Letter (ACL) [18-61](#) (June 20, 2018)
- » ACL [18-44](#) (May 1, 2018)
- » ACL [16-82](#) (September 30, 2016)

Pregnancy

See these documents for information :

- » [ACIN I-45-22](#) (May 16, 2022)
- » [ACL 21-123](#) (October 8, 2021)
- » [ACL 16-88](#) (October 12, 2016)
- » [ACL 16-32](#) (April 28, 2016)

Parenting

See these documents for information:

» [ACIN I-73-16](#) (October 19, 2016)

» [Parents Helping Parents](#)

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression

See this document for information:

» [ACL 21-149](#) (January 6, 2022)

Obtaining Non-Minor Dependent (NMD) Consent

- » NMDs must consent to receive HCPCFC services prior to the program conducting any work other than outreach and the provision of education and resources directly to the NMD themselves.

HCPCFC Access to PHI

- » HCPCFC is statutorily authorized to access and receive health information as defined by California Welfare and Institution Code [\(WIC\) Section 5328.04\(a\)-\(h\)](#) and [California Code, Civil Code Section 56.103](#).

Personal Rights of Youth in Foster Care

See these documents for information:

- » [Foster Youth Bill of Rights](#)
- » ACIN [I-05-14](#) (January 15, 2014)
- » ACIN [I-40-16](#) (June 14, 2016)
- » ACL [21-69](#) (June 21, 2021)

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