



FAQ for Patients on Substance Use Data Sharing

This document provides important information about how substance use information covered by 42 CFR Part 2 (SUD Data) can be shared via CRISP.

Note: This document is for informational purposes only. It is not intended as legal advice. Specific questions regarding compliance with federal and state law should be referred to your legal counsel.

1. What is CRISP?

CRISP is an affiliate of CRISP Shared Services and is the designated health information exchange (HIE) in the Maryland. An HIE is a way of instantly sharing health information among doctors' offices, hospitals, labs, radiology centers, and other healthcare organizations. You can find more information about CRISP via our website [Insert HIE website].

2. What SUD Data does CRISP have about me?

Not all SUD Data is shared with CRISP. You can ask your SUD provider if they are sharing SUD Data with CRISP. New providers are added each day, but your SUD provider should tell you if they share information with CRISP. Currently, CRISP receives clinical data (lab results, discharge summaries, encounters, etc.) from SUD Providers. If you choose to share your SUD Data, any SUD clinical or claims data will be viewable in the HIE for the purposes of treatment, payment, and healthcare operations with users of the HIE.

3. Who will see my SUD data if I submit this consent form?

The CRISP consent form allows your SUD Data to be shared for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations purposes. Your SUD Data will be shared with HIE users, which include healthcare providers, payors, care coordination organizations, and sometimes state and local agencies. Your SUD data will only be shared with members of your healthcare team who indicate they have a relationship with you or have a legal reason for viewing your information. This could include providers or payers that are outside the state or district if they attest to having a relationship with you and a legal reason for viewing your SUD data.

4. Will my SUD data be shared outside the HIE if I submit this consent form?

CRISP will share your SUD Data with HIE users for the purposes of treatment, payment, or health care operations. Any of these users who view or receive your SUD Data may share it with others as allowed by state and federal law, including HIPAA. For example, if your primary care doctor views your SUD treatment information and records it in your medical record, then CRISP may share it with other providers, payers, or partners who are involved in your care or work with your primary care provider.



5. When does the consent expire?

Patients have the option to choose their preferred expiration date at the bottom of the form. They can choose to have the consent expire at a date they choose. Patients can also select “does not expire” above the expiration date if they choose to have their consent not expire. Patients always have the option to revoke their consent at any time. If you chose to revoke your consent, we cannot get back the SUD Data we shared before that time.

6. Can my SUD provider share information about me directly with other providers if I don’t submit this form?

This consent form is used only for you to allow your SUD Data to be shared to users of CRISP. Your SUD provider may have other consent or release of information forms for you to complete to share information directly with others.

7. Where can I find more information about SUD Data privacy and protections in federal law?

If you have questions about your SUD treatment information, please talk directly to your SUD provider. In addition, you can find more information about federal law protecting your SUD treatment information at the SAMHSA website. www.samhsa.gov.

To learn more about the 42 CFR Part 2 Final Rule, please visit [Fact Sheet 42 CFR Part 2 Final Rule | HHS.gov](#)

8. Where can I go for more information?

If you have additional questions, please contact the Behavioral Health Lead or Provider Relations lead below, who will be more than happy to assist you.

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