

ACTIONLINE

Does This Sound Familiar?

- How can my alcohol/drug treatment program comply with HIPAA's HITECH Act amendments?
- We want to participate in a health information exchange without violating 42 C.F.R. Part 2 and HIPAA. *Can you help?*
- What information may we share through our electronic health record system?
- We were just served with a subpoena. *How should we respond?*
- The police have arrived with a search warrant. *Can we let them in?*

For over 30 years, the
**LEGAL ACTION
CENTER**
has fielded thousands
of confidentiality
questions like these.

Alcohol and drug programs, government oversight agencies and school-based programs throughout the United States know that no one else has the Center's expertise in answering questions about the confidentiality of alcohol/drug program records.

Nor can anyone else devise practical solutions to legal and administrative problems as quickly or as effectively as the Center.

The Center's phone service – **ACTIONLINE** – provides alcohol/drug programs in subscribing states with our unique type of technical assistance every business day.

ACTIONLINE LAWYERS SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE ON THE:

- **Confidentiality of alcohol and drug treatment and prevention records under both 42 C.F.R. Part 2 and HIPAA; and**
- **Federal anti-discrimination laws that protect people with substance use disorders in employment, housing, and zoning.**

When a state subscribes to Actionline, the alcohol/drug programs in that state and their government oversight agencies may call the Legal Action Center, toll free, at (800) 233-4444 on any business day between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. with questions relating to these topics. Callers simply need to identify the state they are calling from and ask to speak to the attorney on call. Upon request, the Center's lawyers can also provide an opinion in writing.

There is no limit on the number of calls during the year. All consultations with the Center will be completely confidential, lawyer-client discussions. The Center might report to the States the names of the agencies who obtained the service and aggregate amount of service provided, but will not disclose information that would directly or indirectly indicate the substance of any consultation. (The Actionline service does not include advice about corporate legal issues for programs, general legal services for clients, or state law issues. Neither does it include representation on any issue.)

The Legal Action Center is the nation's leading expert on the confidentiality of alcohol and drug treatment records. The Center's lawyers have authored Confidentiality & Communication: A Guide to the Federal Drug & Alcohol Confidentiality Law & HIPAA and created confidentiality online courses and DVD trainings. For more information, visit www.lac.org.