

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?*

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has subscribed to the Legal Action Center's Actionline (through June 2016) to support CCOs and their affiliated providers. The Center is nationally recognized and has extensive expertise answering questions about the confidentiality of alcohol/drug program records. 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.

The Actionline service will provide regulatory guidance, interpretation, and clarification of Part 2 and HIPAA. CCOs, CCO providers, and substance use treatment providers can call toll free, at (800) 223-4044 on any business day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. PST. Callers simply need to identify that they are calling from Oregon and ask to speak to the attorney on call. Upon request, the Center's lawyers can also provide an opinion in writing.

The services are free of charge and there is no limit on the number of calls that can be placed through June 2016. Consultations with the Center may be considered confidential, lawyer-client discussions. The Center might report to OHA 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.

Note: 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.