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North Sound Mental Health Administration

Section 2500 – Privacy: Uses and Disclosures for Research Purposes

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45 CFR Part 64; 45 CFR 164.512

Cancels:

See Also:

Providers must have own “HIPAA & WAC compliant policy”

Responsible Staff: Privacy Officer

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POLICY #2513.00

SUBJECT: USES AND DISCLOSURES FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide information for management and workforce members regarding the use or disclose information about individuals for research purposes.

DEFINITIONS

Protected Health Information (PHI): Individually identifiable health information transmitted or maintained in any form or medium, including oral, written, and electronic communications. Individually identifiable health information relates to an individual’s health status or condition, furnishing health services to an individual or paying or administering health care benefits to an individual. Information is considered PHI where there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify an individual.

Use with respect to individually identifiable health information: The sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of such information *within* the North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA) system.

Disclosure: The release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulgence in any other manner, of patient protected health information to any individual or organization outside of NSMHA.

Use: With respect to individually identifiable health information, the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis of such information within NSMHA.

Institutional Review Board (IRB): A committee or group comprised of NSMHA personnel and community representatives with varying backgrounds and professional experience, which will review and approve the research protocol involving human subjects.

Research: A systematic investigation, including research, development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to a generalized and adaptable body of knowledge. Activities that meet this definition constitute research for purposes of this policy, whether or not they are conducted or supported under a program that is considered research for other purposes. For example, some demonstration and service programs may include research activities.

ATTACHMENTS

2513.01 – Procedure 2513-A