

<p style="text-align: center;">Lancaster County Drug & Alcohol Commission</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Universal #9</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Policy: Confidentiality of Immunocompromised-Related Information</i></p>
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I. Purpose:

To establish a policy and procedure to ensure the confidentiality of immunocompromised-related information.

II. Policy:

The phrase Immunocompromised-Related will be used to document HIV, HIV-related illness, or AIDS; for the purpose of documentation. As such, it is the policy of LCDAC AS WELL AS all of its contracted service providers that all Immunocompromised-related information will be kept confidential in accordance with ACT 1990-148(PA)*

***Point of clarity:** Confidential Immunocompromised-Related information is defined as any information which is in the possession of a person who provides one or more health or social services, or who obtains the information pursuant to a release of confidential Immunocompromised-related information and which concerns whether an individual has been a subject of an Immunocompromised-Related test, Immunocompromised-Related illness, or any information which identifies or reasonably could identify an individual as having one or more of these conditions, including information pertaining to the individual’s contacts. **The phrase Immunocompromised-Related will be used to document HIV, HIV-related illness, or AIDS; for the purpose of documentation.**

PROCEDURES:

1. All Immunocompromised-Related information will be kept separate from the client’s SUD record. This information will be kept in a separate file labeled to the specific client and will be kept in a secure area in locked cabinets. The specific information that may contain Immunocompromised-Related information may include copies of Physical and History, Medical History completed by the client, and information obtained from others that reveals Immunocompromised-Related information.
2. In cases where Immunocompromised-Related information is included in required documentation, a separate notification will be placed in the client’s SUD record in the approved chart order indicating that the required documentation is available from the SUD Supervisors.
3. A specific consent form related to the disclosure of Immunocompromised-Related information must be completed by the client and a copy of this consent must accompany any information released. The original of this consent will be retained in accordance with (A) above.

