



CurrentCare Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the RI DCYF Policy

BRIEF DEFINITION:

The intent of the CurrentCare Disclosure of Protected Health Information to the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families Policy is to assure that an individual's Protected Health Information and disclosure report will only be released to DCYF when disclosure is for health care purposes only.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

Pursuant to the Rhode Island Health Information Exchange Act of 2008, a patient or his/her authorized representative has the right:

- To obtain a copy of her or her Protected Health Information from the HIE;
- To obtain a copy of a disclosure report pertaining to his or her Protected Health Information.

POLICY

1. When DCYF requests disclosure of an individual's Protected Health Information held by the state designated Regional Health Information Organization, the Rhode Island Quality Institute (RIQI), will require DCYF to provide:
 - a. A copy of the Court Order confirming that DCYF has custody of that individual and that DCYF is the authorized representative of the individual, and
 - b. Written certification that the information is requested for health care purposes only.
2. Following the receipt of the Court Order and certification, RIQI will disclose an individual's Protected Health Information to DCYF in accordance with the Disclosure of Protected Health Information of a Minor Policy.