

SUMMARY OF SECTION 748 OF THE MICHIGAN MENTAL HEALTH CODE

The confidentiality of mental health patient records maintained by this program is protected by state law and administrative rules. Generally, the program may not say to a person outside the program that you attend(ed) the program, or disclose any information identifying you as a mental health patient or former mental health patient *Unless*:

- (1) You or your legal representative consents in writing;
- (2) A law or a court order requires your records be released;
- (3) If needed to get benefits for you, get reimbursement for the cost of your treatment, or coordinate care for you;
- (4) If you die and your surviving spouse or other close relative needs the information to apply for and receive benefits; or
- (5) If it is needed for research or statistical purposes, audit, or program evaluation — with certain safeguards regarding identification.

Violation of the law or administrative rules by a program is a violation of your rights as a recipient of mental health services. Suspected violations may be reported to the Office of Recipient Rights, 71 North Avenue, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043, (586) 469-6528.

If you tell your mental health professional that you are going to hurt another person, he/she may have to notify the police and the person whom you threatened to harm.

Any information in your record about suspected child abuse or neglect may be reported to appropriate State or local authorities.

(See MCL 330.1001 et seq.)