

**QUALIFIED SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT (QSOA)**

The Department of Health and Hospitals – Office for Addictive Disorders  
and


The Department of Health and Hospitals – Office of Mental Health


hereby enter into a qualified service organization agreement, whereby the above named entities agree to jointly develop and implement an integrated system of services that addresses the treatment needs of persons with co-occurring disorders according to the standards and principles published by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This includes joint procedures for screening, assessment, treatment, information management, and evaluation and open sharing of information relevant to the service needs of this population.

Furthermore, the each above named entity:

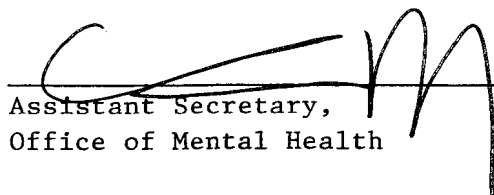
1. Acknowledges that in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise dealing with any information from the alcohol/drug agency about the clients in the program it is fully bound by the provisions of the federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2; and
2. Undertakes to resist in judicial proceedings any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to clients otherwise than as expressly provided for in the federal confidentiality regulations, 42 C.F.R. Part 2.


Executed this tenth day of June, 2003.

  
Assistant Secretary,  
Office of Mental Health

  
Assistant Secretary,  
Office for Addictive Disorders

Reaffirmed this twenty-seventh day of April, 2005

  
Assistant Secretary,  
Office of Mental Health

  
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