

HIPAA and Missing Person Protocol

When we have a missing person, HIPAA law allows us to share the following information with law enforcement for the purposes of finding the person:

- Name and address
- Date and place of birth
- Social security number
- Blood type
- Type of injury, if any
- Date/time they were last seen by us/last received services from us
- A description of distinguishing physical characteristics, including height, weight, gender, race, hair and eye color, presence or absence of facial hair, scars, and tattoos. Sharing a photo would be allowable as well.

HIPAA law specifically prohibits us from disclosing dental records without a signed authorization from the person or their legal representative. No other information except that listed above may be shared with law enforcement when someone is missing without a signed authorization from the person or their legal representative, or court order.