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CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUBSTANCE USE PATIENT INFORMATION

The confidentiality of patient's records, maintained by this program is protected by federal laws and regulations. Generally, New Leaf Counseling will not disclose to a person or agency that a patient attends the program or disclose any information identifying a patient as a substance user unless:

- ❖ The patient consents in writing
- ❖ The disclosure is allowed by a court order
- ❖ The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit or program evaluation
- ❖ The patient commits or threatens to commit a crime either at the program or against any person who works for the program

Violation of the federal laws and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to the United States Attorney in the district where the violation occurs.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under state law to appropriate state or local authorities.

(See 42 U.S.C.S. 290dd-2 for federal law and 42 C.F.R. Part 2 federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Use Patient Records.)

SIGNATURE OF CLIENT:

DATE:
