

## State of Washington Privacy Information.

Washington State recently passed legislation (HB2025) to amend their state law, adopting the following language: *“Treatment records of a person may be released without informed written consent in the following circumstances [new language follows]: (i) Consistent with the requirements of the health information portability and accountability act, to a licensed mental health professional...or a health care professional...who is providing care to a person, or to whom a person has been referred for evaluation or treatment, to assure coordinated care and treatment of that person. Psychotherapy notes, as defined in 45 CFR Sec 164.501, may not be released without authorization of the person who is the subject of the request for release of information...(j) To administrative and office support staff designated to obtain medical records for those licensed professionals listed in (i) of this subsection.”*