

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Inc. County of Los Alamos County DWI Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Program") and the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division/Driving While Intoxicated Program (hereinafter referred to as "Division") hereby exchange the following assurances and enter the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

The Division assures:

1. That Division is in full compliance with the provisions concerning security for records and research activities in accordance with Federal Confidentiality regulations, 42 CFR Part 2.16 and 2.52.
2. That client identifying information will not be re-disclosed except back to the Program from which the information was obtained, or according to the terms of this MOU.
3. That in receiving, storing, processing, or otherwise dealing with any information from the Program about the clients in the Program, the Division acknowledges it is bound by the provisions of the Federal confidentiality regulations, 42 CFR Part 2.
4. That the Division shall undertake to resist any effort to obtain access to information pertaining to patients otherwise than as expressly provided for in the Federal confidentiality regulations, 42 CFR Part 2.
5. That the Division is not a "covered entity" as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services Regulations entitled "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information", 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, implementing the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA); (the HIPAA Regulations).
6. That the Division shall never possess treatment or maintain any "individually identifiable health information" or transmit "protected health information" as defined by the HIPAA Regulations and in the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (HITECH Act).

The Program agrees to:

1. Upon request, provide the Division or other parties authorized with client records for those clients provided services through the Local Government Division DWI Grant Program, for the purpose of conducting outcome

monitoring research activities, and evaluation of LDWI Program interventions.

2. If applicable, comply with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (HITECH Act) and the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation entitled “Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information”, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, applicable to entities covered by HIPAA; (the HIPAA Regulations).
3. Report or transmit data to the Division that deletes and contains no “individually identifiable health information” or “protected health information” as defined by the HIPAA Regulations and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (HITECH Act).

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County Commission Chairperson (or Designee)  
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Signature

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Date

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Cecilia Mavrommatis, Director  
Local Government Division

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Date