



THE PARTNERSHIP TO AMEND

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Partnership Welcomes Release of 42 CFR Part 2 Final Rule

Washington, D.C. - The Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2 (The Partnership), a coalition of 50 health care organizations committed to aligning 42 CFR Part 2 (Part 2) with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for the purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations (TPO), today issued the following statement in response to the release of the Part 2 final rule by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The Partnership greatly appreciates the release of this long-awaited final rule implementing the provisions mandated by the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) and [will thoroughly assess the rule in the week ahead](#). The rule will promote partial alignment between Part 2 and HIPAA, though the two privacy frameworks remain distinct, particularly for consent purposes. This partial alignment will help curb the substance use disorder (SUD) epidemic and allow for the appropriate sharing of SUD records while simultaneously strengthening patient privacy. The Partnership is reviewing the rule to assess its impact on the substance use disorder (SUD) epidemic and to understand the cumulative effect of this rule.

“We are pleased that the Biden Administration issued this long-awaited final rule. This is a step toward modernizing privacy regulations for persons with substance use disorders and ensuring patients receive improved, coordinated whole-person care,” said Maeghan Gilmore, Vice President of Government Affairs, ABHW, and Chairperson, Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2. “We look forward to examining the final rule and its impact on improving the quality of care for persons with substance use disorders.”

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