Immigration Health 101: A Fact Sheet for Providers

Did You Know?

Immigration-related information may not be protected under HIPAA & may be disclosed by court order.

Do NOT document patient immigration status in the chart

**DO’s and DO NOT’s of Discussing Immigration in Clinical Settings:**

**DO**
- Create a safe space
- Listen & be professional
- Use interpreters
- Remember: immigration-related information may not be protected under HIPAA
- Protect privacy
- Consider discussing Family Preparedness Plans

**DO NOT**
- Assume your patient’s immigration status
- Provide legal advice (may refer to legal services)
- Record information about citizenship status, nation of origin, or criminal history
- Give false information or optimism

**What about Law Enforcement?**

YNHHS Staff are **not authorized** to release patient, employee, or family information under any circumstance.

If a Law Enforcement Officer (including from FBI, DHS, or ICE) arrives (even with a warrant or subpoena) contact **Protective Services**.

**Important Phone Numbers:**

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<td>Legal and Risk Services Dept.</td>
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Family Preparedness Plans:
https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Immigration-Resources-Family-Preparedness-Plan