



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 449
[2005 Senate Bill 650]

Mental Health Treatment Records

2005 Wisconsin Act 449 creates an exception to the current law relating to confidentiality of treatment records created in the course of providing services to individuals for mental illness, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, or drug dependence. The additional exception allows release of records to health care providers in a related health care entity, or to any person acting under the supervision of such a health care provider who is involved with an individual's care, if necessary for the current treatment of the individual. The information that may be released under this exception is limited to the individual's name, address, and date of birth; the name of the individual's mental health treatment provider; the date of mental health service provided; the individual's medications, allergies, and diagnosis; and other relevant demographic information necessary for the current treatment of the individual.

Effective Date: Act 449 takes effect on June 6, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.