

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

CLARA ANN VAN NORMAN, *

Plaintiff, *

v. * CASE NO. 1:12-CV-00362-KD

AMY VERNOR, *

Defendant. *

HIPAA ORDER IN CIVIL ACTION

Upon compliance with Alabama and Federal law, the attorneys for the parties to this lawsuit are permitted to obtain all records of medical care, including charges therefore, provided to Plaintiff Clara Ann Van Norman from January 1, 1990 to the present. This Order neither broadens nor restricts any party's ability to conduct discovery pursuant to Alabama and Federal law, the sole purpose hereof being only to permit compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

This Court authorizes any third-party who is provided with a subpoena requesting the production of documents or commanding attendance at deposition or trial to disclose Protected Health Information in response to such subpoena, except as otherwise provided herein. This Court Order is intended to authorize such disclosures under Section 164.512(e)(1) of the privacy regulations issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to relieve any party or attorney of the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Nothing in this Order permits disclosure of confidential communications made for the purposes of diagnosis or treatment of a patient's mental or emotional condition, including alcohol or drug addiction, among the patient, the patient's psychotherapist, and persons who are participating in the diagnosis or treatment under the direction of the psychotherapist, including members of the patient's family. Nothing in this Order permits disclosure of records or information relating to HIV testing or sexually transmitted disease.

Nothing in this Order shall be construed to authorize any party or any attorney for any party to release, exchange, submit, or share any Protected Health Information with any other person or any other entity, other than an agent or employee of the attorney or party. This Order prohibits the parties from using or disclosing the Protected Health Information for any purpose other than this litigation.

At the conclusion of this action and at the written request of an Individual whose Protected Health Information has been disclosed, or such Individual's authorized representative, all recipients of the Protected Health Information shall return to the requesting party the documents and all copies thereof containing Protected Health Information received by them pursuant to this Order, except that Protected Health Information which is included in insurance claim files and law firm litigation files may be retained to allow compliance to the extent and for the period that such retention is required by Alabama insurance laws and the Alabama State Bar rules and regulations.

DONE and ORDERED this 6th day of November, 2012.


United States Magistrate Judge