

**125.37 Records confidential.**

1. The registration and other records of facilities shall remain confidential and are privileged to the patient.

2. Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#), the director may make available information from patients' records for purposes of research into the causes and treatment of substance use disorder. Information under [this subsection](#) shall not be published in a way that discloses patients' names or other identifying information.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of [subsection 1](#), a patient's records may be disclosed only under any of the following circumstances:

*a.* To medical personnel in a medical emergency with or without the patient's consent.

*b.* For purposes of care coordination as defined in [section 135D.2](#) if not otherwise restricted by federal law or regulation.

[C75, 77, §125.20, 224B.23; C79, 81, §125.37]

[2016 Acts, ch 1055, §1, 3, 4, 6; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §103](#)

Referred to in [§125.3, 125.7, 125.93](#)

For future repeal of this section, effective July 1, 2025, see 2024 Acts, ch 1161, §135, 137