

Did You Know?

No Attestation Required

Federal law permits hospitals to disclose relevant health records to government agencies, such as DCBS (Department for Community Based Services), when the request involves child abuse or neglect investigations.

- Under **45 CFR § 164.512(b)(1)(ii)**, such disclosures are explicitly allowed
- These requests do not require attestation or special authorization from DCBS
- Under **45 CFR § 164.509(a)(1)**, restrictions apply to records related to reproductive health care in very specific cases – not child protection matters

When records are requested by DCBS for a child abuse or neglect investigation:

- Release the records as permitted by law
- Do not request an attestation. Refer to **45 CFR § 164.512(b)(1)(ii)** and **45 CFR § 164.509(a)(1)** for additional information.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need further guidance, please contact the Child Protection Branch, via email at **DCBSChildProtection@ky.gov**.

