

Expectation for Clinicians & Front Office:

- If a police officer/ICE Agent/sheriff, or any other officer of the law, comes to the office requesting information - WE CANNOT DISCLOSE
- We can only disclose, and are legally obligated to do so, **if** they have a warrant or court order signed by a judge.
- Advise that we cannot disclose information without a signed warrant or court order

As with any gray area or concern - always follow state laws, or federal laws if they supersede state protections - executive orders do not fall into this category and we must still defer to the law (HIPAA, patient protections).

Regarding patient chart documents - only document immigration status if it is clinically relevant to the focus of therapy.

- You can remind clients that we are only able to disclose copies of chart documents with a signed release form or a court order. Typically, when chart documents are requested for any reason, we always start with a summary letter that is in the best interest of the client, unless ordered by the courts to release direct copies of all chart documents.
- It would also be in the client's best interest, and to help them in making an informed decision, to advise that you may need to document in their chart what is discussed in session, and clarify what this means.

Resources

[Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice](#) - has a hotline that clients can call for immediate legal assistance

[Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#) - printable [know your rights](#) cards, downloadable [family action plan](#) that can be used to support parents and children prepare for potential separation

[California Rapid Response Networks](#) - phone numbers clients can call for assistance, hotlines organized by county

[Nonprofit Legal Services Directory](#) - nationwide database to find legal representation

[EFT Tapping Video](#) for First Gen/Children of Immigrants (may need an Instagram account to access)

[Immigrant Defense Project](#) - infographics about your rights and building awareness about ICE pretending to be other law enforcement, or utilizing ruse methods to gather information

[Planning Checklist](#)

[ACLU Guide for Healthcare Providers](#)