

AGREEMENT TO NOT DISCLOSE DSS DATA
Department of Veterans Affairs Decision Support System Cost Data

In order to ensure the confidentiality of the DSS cost data collected and maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs, VHA expects the requestors and recipients of its data to agree to observe the following conditions and to comply with these requirements. These requirements apply to the use of all DSS file(s) or any data derived from such files(s).

The Requestor shall neither publish nor release to the public any cost information that is derived from the file(s) that identifies a specific facility or VISN and describes the cost of a specific patient cohort, clinical classification group (DRG, ACG, ICD-9-CM etc.), or DSS intermediate product. This restriction includes total costs as well as average costs. Exceptions allowing the disclosure of this facility level cost data may be granted on a case-by-case base by the facility or VISN director. These cost data may be distributed for internal VA use and management reporting. A detailed description of restrictions can be obtained from http://klfmenu.med.va.gov/dss/access/access_policy.htm

Proper care should be exercised to prevent the unwanted disclosure of confidential cost data to potential private sector competitors. The requestor shall not disclose, release, reveal, show, sell, rent, lease, loan, or otherwise grant access to the DSS data covered by this Agreement. Appropriate administrative, technical, procedural, and physical safeguards shall be established by the Recipient to protect the confidentiality of the data and to prevent unauthorized access to it. In the event the Requestor makes an unauthorized disclosure of these data, VHA may revoke requestor's access to all VHA DSS data.

(Requestor name and title--typed or printed – First and Last)

(Company/Organization)

(Street Address)

(City, State and ZIP Code)

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(Phone Number--Including Area Code)

(Signature)

(Date)