

**Policy Clarifications - Cash Assistance - All  
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**Agency:CAOs**

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**Subject: Safeguarding Information – Authorization to Disclose Information to the Social Security Administration**

May we accept Form [SSA-827](#) (Authorization to Disclose Information to the Social Security Administration) without requiring individuals to complete the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) **PW-1815** (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Personal Information)?

**Response By: Division of Health Services**

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Yes. Effective immediately, the CAOs may accept a fully completed **SSA-827** as valid authorization that satisfies the requirements of HIPAA, the Mental Health Procedures Act, the Confidentiality of HIV-Related Information Act, and Drug and Alcohol confidentiality laws. When appropriate, the CAOs can release requested information to Labor and Industry (L&I) (SSA's representative) based on a completed **SSA-827** without requiring the individual to fill out the **PW-1815**.