

# **AIDS / HIV**

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... Therapists often ask whether or not confidentiality may or must be compromised when the therapist finds out that the patient has been diagnosed with AIDS/HIV. The question comes in a variety of forms with a variety of scenarios. Because applicable laws may vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, as will ethical standards of the various professions, you must be sure that you fully understand the law and ethics in your particular state for your particular profession. If there is a conflict in the two, you will have to resolve the conflict. While each particular situation is different, therapists or counselors would generally be best served if they act in compliance with applicable law.