

(4) When providing information to government agencies in the performance of their lawful duties as authorized by an act of the General Assembly or United States Congress; or

(5) When providing information at the request of a researcher for the purpose of medical and health care research pursuant to a protocol approved by an institutional review board; or

(6) In any instance in which the provider of medical care reveals the contents of medical records under circumstances where the identity of the patient is not disclosed to the recipient of the records; or

(7) When providing information ~~to an insurance company~~, OR TO A DEFENDANT OR A DEFENDANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL, in connection with a potential or actual malpractice claim against a provider of medical care; or

(8) When providing information requested by another provider of medical care for the sole purpose of treating the person on whom the record was maintained; or

(9) When providing information to a third party payor solely for billing purposes; or

(10) When providing information to a nonprofit health service plan or a Blue Cross or Blue Shield plan for the purpose of coordinating benefit payments under more than one sickness and accident, dental, or hospital and medical insurance policy other than an individual policy[.]; ~~OR.~~

~~(11) WHEN PROVIDING INFORMATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF EVALUATING, SETTLING, OR DEFENDING ANY CLAIM OR SUIT FOR PERSONAL INJURY.~~

(d) (1) Any provider of medical care who knowingly violates this section shall be liable to any plaintiff for any damages recoverable in law or equity including reasonable attorney's fees.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.

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CHAPTER 484

(Senate Bill 785)

AN ACT concerning