

(2) AS AUTHORIZED IN ARTICLE 48A, SUBTITLE 20 OF THE CODE.

(B) PROHIBITED DISCLOSURES.

ANY PROVIDER OF MEDICAL CARE WHO HAS CUSTODY OF MEDICAL RECORDS MAY NOT REVEAL SPECIFIC MEDICAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THOSE RECORDS TO ANY PERSON UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE INDIVIDUAL ON WHOM THE RECORD IS KEPT.

(C) INAPPLICABILITY OF SECTION.

SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PROVIDER OF MEDICAL CARE WHO HAS CUSTODY OF MEDICAL RECORDS IF THE PROVIDER IS:

(1) PERFORMING MEDICAL SERVICES OR ALLIED SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OR ON BEHALF OF A PATIENT;

(2) PROVIDING INFORMATION REQUESTED BY OR TO FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF A MEDICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, ACCREDITATION BOARD, OR COMMISSION, OR IN RESPONSE TO LEGAL PROCESS;

(3) PROVIDING INFORMATION REQUIRED TO CONDUCT THE PROPER ACTIVITIES OF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER;

(4) PROVIDING INFORMATION TO A GOVERNMENT AGENCY PERFORMING ITS LAWFUL DUTIES AS AUTHORIZED BY AN ACT OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS;

(5) PROVIDING INFORMATION AT THE REQUEST OF A RESEARCHER FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE RESEARCH UNDER A PROTOCOL APPROVED BY AN INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD;

(6) REVEALING THE CONTENTS OF MEDICAL RECORDS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE IDENTITY OF THE PATIENT IS NOT DISCLOSED TO THE RECIPIENT OF THE RECORDS;

(7) PROVIDING INFORMATION TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY OR TO A DEFENDANT OR THE DEFENDANT'S LEGAL COUNSEL, IN CONNECTION WITH A POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL MALPRACTICE CLAIM AGAINST A PROVIDER OF MEDICAL CARE;

(8) PROVIDING INFORMATION REQUESTED BY ANOTHER PROVIDER OF MEDICAL CARE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF TREATING THE INDIVIDUAL ON WHOM THE RECORD IS KEPT;

(9) PROVIDING INFORMATION TO A THIRD PARTY PAYOR FOR BILLING PURPOSES ONLY; OR

(10) PROVIDING INFORMATION TO A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN OR A BLUE CROSS OR BLUE SHIELD PLAN TO COORDINATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS UNDER MORE THAN ONE SICKNESS AND