

(a) Every insurer providing professional liability insurance to a physician OR DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY licensed in Maryland in accordance with Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article, or to a hospital, nurse, dentist, [osteopath,] podiatrist, optometrist, chiropractor, or blood bank licensed under [Article 43] THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE OR the Health Occupations Article, and every self-insured hospital shall report periodically, but in no event less than once each year, any claim or action for damages for personal injuries claimed to have been caused by an error, omission, or negligence in the performance of the insured's professional services, or based on a claimed performance of professional services without consent, if the claim resulted in:

- (1) A final judgment in any amount;
- (2) A settlement in any amount;
- (3) A final disposition not resulting in payment on behalf of the insured. Reports shall be filed no later than March 15th of the year following the occurrence of (1), (2) or (3) above.

(d) The reports filed in accordance with this section shall be treated as confidential records. The reports shall be released only for bona fide research or educational purposes. Reports relating to physicians may be released to the State Board of Medical Examiners; reports relating to hospitals and blood banks may be released to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; and reports relating to nurses, dentists, [osteopaths,] DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHY, podiatrists, optometrists, and chiropractors may be released to the appropriate licensing board for such health providers. The recipient of the report in its sole discretion shall determine the validity of any request for the reports.

#### Article 62 - Marriages

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[(d) All such records which have been sealed as required by the provisions of this section as amended by Chapter 105 of the Acts of 1947, shall, immediately after June 1, 1951, be broken and the records recorded and indexed as in the case of other marriage records, and shall also be reported to the State Department of Health as if such records had never been sealed. The certificates of the physician shall again be sealed and kept as required by subsection (c) of this section.]

#### Article 64A - Merit System

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