

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

BY adding

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 9-109 9-121
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9-109 9-121.

~~(a)-(1)--"Authorized--representative"--means--a--person authorized by the patient to assert the privilege granted by this section and until permitted by the patient to make disclosure, the person whose communications are privileged.~~

~~(2)--"Licensed psychologist"--means--a--person--who is--licensed--to--practice--psychology--under--the--laws--of Maryland.~~

~~(3)--"Patient"--means--a--person--who--communicates--or receives--services--regarding--the--diagnosis--or--treatment--of his--mental--or--emotional--disorder--from--a--psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, LICENSED-CERTIFIED-SOCIAL-WORKER, or any--other--person--participating--directly--or--vitaly--with {either}--ANY--OF--THEM--in--rendering--these--services--in consultation--with--or--under--direct--supervision--of--a psychiatrist--{or}--LICENSED--psychologist,--OR--LICENSED CERTIFIED-SOCIAL-WORKER.~~

~~(4)--"Psychiatrist"--means--a--person--licensed--to practice--medicine--who--devotes--a--substantial--proportion--of his--time--to--the--practice--of--psychiatry.~~

~~(5)--"LICENSED-CERTIFIED-SOCIAL-WORKER"--MEANS--ANY PERSON--LICENSED--AS--A--CERTIFIED-SOCIAL-WORKER--UNDER--TITLE-18 OF--THE--HEALTH-OCCUPATIONS-ARTICLE--OF--THE--CODE.~~

~~(b)--Unless--otherwise--provided, in--all--judicial, legislative, or administrative proceedings, a patient or his authorized representative has a privilege to refuse to disclose, and to prevent a witness from disclosing, communications relating to diagnosis or treatment of the patient's mental or emotional disorder.~~