

PART I. REPORTS ON DISEASES.

18-201. INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE REPORTS -- BY PHYSICIANS.

(A) REPORT REQUIRED.

A PHYSICIAN WITH REASON TO SUSPECT THAT A PATIENT UNDER THE PHYSICIAN'S CARE HAS AN INFECTIOUS OR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE THAT ENDANGERS PUBLIC HEALTH SHALL SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY A REPORT TO THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE ~~PATIENT-RESIDES~~ PHYSICIAN CARES FOR THAT PATIENT.

(B) FORM AND CONTENTS.

THE REPORT SHALL:

- (1) BE ON THE FORM THAT THE SECRETARY PROVIDES;
- (2) IDENTIFY THE DISEASE OR SUSPECTED DISEASE;
- (3) STATE THE NAME, AGE, RACE, SEX, AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF THE PATIENT; AND
- (4) BE SIGNED BY THE PHYSICIAN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) and (b)(2), (3), and (4) of this section are new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of former Article 43, § 78.

Subsection (b)(1) of this section is new language derived from the third sentence of former Article 43, § 79 and the fifth sentence of § 80, which required the Secretary to provide to health officers the forms needed for this section. It is revised to reflect the apparent intent of those sentences and to conform to Department practice.

Throughout this section, the word "report" is substituted for the word "notice", to conform to Department practice.

In subsection (a) of this section, the phrase "where the physician cares for that patient" is substituted for the ambiguous phrase "in which such disease exists", to conform to Department practice.

Also in subsection (a) of this section, the former reference "knows or has reason to believe" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the inclusive word "suspect".