

(II) THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) WITHIN 180 DAYS AFTER THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES A CONFIDENTIAL RECORD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT DETAILING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CONFIDENTIAL RECORD WAS USED.

Article 88A – Department of Human Resources

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(a) Except in accordance with a court order or to an authorized officer or employee of the State, another state or local government, or the United States, or a fiduciary institution having a right thereto in an official capacity, and as necessary to discharge responsibilities to administer public assistance, medical assistance, or social services programs, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to divulge or make known in any manner any information concerning any applicant for or recipient of social services, child welfare services, cash assistance, food stamps, or medical assistance, directly or indirectly derived from the records, papers, files, investigations or communications of the State, county or city, or subdivisions or agencies thereof, or acquired in the course of the performance of official duties.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of the Family Law Article, § 6A of this subtitle, and this section, all records and reports concerning child abuse or neglect are confidential, and their unauthorized disclosure is a criminal offense subject to the penalty set out in subsection (e) of this section. Reports or records concerning child abuse or neglect:

(1) Shall be disclosed:

(i) Under a court order; [or]

(ii) Under an order of an administrative law judge, if the request for disclosure concerns a case pending before the Office of Administrative Hearings and provisions are made to comply with other State or federal confidentiality laws and to protect the identity of the reporter or other person whose life or safety is likely to be endangered by disclosure; [and] OR

(III) ON A WRITTEN REQUEST, TO A LOCAL THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

1. IF THE LOCAL BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING TREATMENT OR CARE TO A CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A REPORT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, FOR A PURPOSE RELEVANT TO THE PROVISION OF THE TREATMENT OR CARE; OR

2. IF THE RECORD OR REPORT CONCERNS A CHILD VICTIM OF A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE,