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APPLICATIONS, FILINGS, AND REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, EXCEPT CONTRACTS REFERRED TO IN § 583(C)(4) AND (5) AND COMPLAINTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 589 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL.

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(A) DATA OR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, OR HEALTH OF ANY ENROLLEE OBTAINED BY THE DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION, OR HEALTH OF ANY ENROLLEE OBTAINED BY THE DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION FROM THE ENROLLEE OR ANY DENTIST ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON EXCEPT:

(1) TO THE EXTENT THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) ON THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THE ENROLLEE;

(3) UNDER STATUTE OR COURT ORDER FOR THE PRODUCTION OR THE DISCOVERY OF EVIDENCE; OR

(4) IN THE EVENT OF CLAIM OR LITIGATION BETWEEN THE ENROLLEE AND THE DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION WHERE THE DATA OR INFORMATION IS PERTINENT.

(B) A DENTAL PLAN ORGANIZATION IS ENTITLED TO CLAIM ANY STATUTORY PRIVILEGES AGAINST DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION THAT THE DENTIST WHO FURNISHES THE INFORMATION TO THE DENTAL ORGANIZATION IS ENTITLED TO CLAIM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end all the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

Approved May 29, 1984.

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