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- (6) If a health care provider makes a professional determination that an immediate disclosure is necessary, to provide for the emergency health care needs of a patient or recipient;
- (7) Except if the patient has instructed the health care provider not to make the disclosure, or if the record has been developed primarily in connection with the provision of mental health services, to immediate family members of the patient or any other individual with whom the patient is known to have a close personal relationship, if made in accordance with good medical or other professional practice; or
- (8) To organ and tissue procurement personnel under the restrictions of § 5-408 of this article at the request of a physician for a patient whose organs and tissues may be donated for the purpose of evaluating the patient for possible organ and tissue donation; OR
- (9) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE PURPOSE OF THE MEDICAL RECORD DISCLOSURE IS FOR THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES AND RECORD RETENTION WITHIN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.
- (C) (1) THE DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(9) OF THIS SECTION TO A PERSON THAT IS NOT EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.
- (2) UNDER PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY, THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE ONE AGENCY.

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 - (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
 - (b) "Administration" means the Mental Hygiene Administration.
- (c) (1) "Admission" means the process by which an individual is accepted as a resident in:
 - (i) An inpatient facility; or
- (ii) A Veterans' Administration hospital in this State that provides care or treatment for individuals who have mental disorders.
- (2) "Admission" includes the physical act of the individual entering the facility or Veterans' Administration hospital.
 - (d) "Director" means the Director of Mental Hygiene.
- (e) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, "facility" means any public or private clinic, hospital, or other institution that provides or purports to provide treatment or other services for individuals who have mental disorders.
 - (2) "Facility" does not include a Veterans' Administration hospital.