

(7) Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, during each regular session of the General Assembly, the Department shall submit to the General Assembly a report on the inspections.

(8) (i) An employee of the Department may not inform a hospital, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER, or related institution of any proposed inspection activity, unless the chief of the employee's division directs the employee to do so.

(ii) An employee who violates any provision of this paragraph is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

(c) (1) An accredited hospital OR ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER shall submit the survey findings of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of ~~Health-Care~~ HEALTHCARE Organizations within 30 days of receipt by the hospital OR ACCREDITED THE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER to the Department.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of this subsection, an accredited hospital's OR ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER'S official accreditation report and any summary of the report, written progress reports, or plans of correction which are submitted to the Secretary are confidential and are not discoverable or admissible as evidence in any civil action.

(3) The Secretary shall refer any request for public inspection of a survey report made by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of ~~Health-Care~~ HEALTHCARE Organizations for an accredited hospital OR ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER directly to the hospital OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER.

(4) Upon the written request of any person, within 15 working days, the accredited hospital OR ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER shall make available for public inspection the most recent accreditation letter and any Type I recommendations if the Joint Commission on Accreditation of ~~Health-Care~~ HEALTHCARE Organizations has made a final decision on any appeal by the hospital OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER of the Type I recommendations.

(5) If information is released in accordance with paragraph (4) of this subsection, that information is no longer confidential, but is not discoverable or admissible in any civil action.

(6) [A hospital] AN accreditation report, including any summary of the report and any information contained in the report, disclosed by a hospital OR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER, the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of ~~Health-Care~~ HEALTHCARE Organizations, or the Department is not admissible or discoverable in any civil action.

(7) If an accredited hospital OR ACCREDITED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER willfully fails to comply with the provisions of this subsection, the Secretary may impose a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 a day for each day the violation continues.