

(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-221 OF THIS ARTICLE AND NOTWITHSTANDING § 4-224 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE SECRETARY MAY PROVIDE THE PROGRAM WITH A COPY OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE OF ANY WOMAN WHOSE DEATH IS SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN A MATERNAL DEATH.

13-1005.

(A) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLES 3, 3A, AND 3B OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL PROVIDE THE MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM REASONABLE ACCESS TO ALL RELEVANT MEDICAL RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH A CASE UNDER REVIEW BY THE MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM.

(B) THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY TO A DISCLOSURE MADE TO THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

13-1006.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE, IF A PATIENT OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR A HEALTH CARE FACILITY DIES OF A MATERNAL DEATH AND THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH, THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR THE HEALTH CARE FACILITY SHALL REPORT THE DEATH TO THE MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM.

(B) ANY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND HEALTH CARE FACILITY REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE:

(1) CONFIDENTIAL;

(2) NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION; AND

(3) EXCEPT UNDER A COURT ORDER SEALING THE COURT RECORD, NOT SUBJECT TO SUBPOENA OR DISCOVERY IN ANY CRIMINAL OR CIVIL PROCEEDING.

(C) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR HEALTH CARE FACILITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR CIVIL DAMAGES OR SUBJECT TO ANY CRIMINAL OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS MADE TO COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

13-1007.

ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE SECRETARY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROGRAM ACTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of September 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 18, 2000