

to certain persons; requiring a health care provider to disclose certain medical information on receipt of a certain authorization filed with the Commission; and generally relating to the authorization for the release of medical information ~~in a certain manner~~ and the filing of workers' compensation claims.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Health – General
 Section 4–303
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Labor and Employment
 Section 9–709, 9–710, and 9–711
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

4–303.

(a) A health care provider shall disclose a medical record on the authorization of a person in interest in accordance with this section.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in [subsection (c)] SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) of this section, an authorization shall:

- (1) Be in writing, dated, and signed by the person in interest;
- (2) State the name of the health care provider;
- (3) Identify to whom the information is to be disclosed;
- (4) State the period of time that the authorization is valid, which may not exceed 1 year, except:

(i) In cases of criminal justice referrals, in which case the authorization shall be valid until 30 days following final disposition; or

(ii) In cases where the patient on whom the medical record is kept is a resident of a nursing home, in which case the authorization shall be valid until revoked, or for any time period specified in the authorization; and