

and Human Services and its agents, or any other person obligated by contract or law to pay for the health care rendered for the sole purposes of:

- (i) Submitting a bill to the third party payor;
- (ii) Reasonable prospective, concurrent, or retrospective utilization review or predetermination of benefit coverage;
- (iii) Review, audit, and investigation of a specific claim for payment of benefits; or
- (iv) Coordinating benefit payments in accordance with the provisions of the Insurance Article under more than 1 sickness and accident, dental, or hospital and medical insurance policy;

(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;

(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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.