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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 12-2291, 12-2294, 12-2296, 13-2316, 36-135, 36-470, 36-509 AND 36-664, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 38; RELATING TO MEDICAL RECORDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 12-2291, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 12-2291. Definitions
5 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:
6 1. "CLINICAL LABORATORY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
7 36-451.
8 ~~1.~~ 2. "Contractor" means an agency or service that duplicates medical
9 records on behalf of health care providers.
10 ~~2.~~ 3. "Department" means the department of health services.
11 ~~3.~~ 4. "Health care decision maker" means an individual who is
12 authorized to make health care treatment decisions for the patient, including
13 a parent of a minor or an individual who is authorized pursuant to section
14 8-514.05, title 14, chapter 5, article 2 or 3 or section 36-3221, 36-3231 or
15 36-3281.
16 ~~4.~~ 5. "Health care provider" means:
17 (a) A person who is licensed pursuant to title 32 and who maintains
18 medical records.
19 (b) A health care institution as defined in section 36-401.
20 (c) An ambulance service as defined in section 36-2201.
21 (d) A health care services organization licensed pursuant to title 20,
22 chapter 4, article 9.
23 ~~5.~~ 6. "Medical records" means all communications related to a
24 patient's physical or mental health or condition that are recorded in any
25 form or medium and that are maintained for purposes of patient diagnosis or
26 treatment, including medical records that are prepared by a health care
27 provider or by other providers. Medical records do not include materials
28 that are prepared in connection with utilization review, peer review or
29 quality assurance activities, including records that a health care provider
30 prepares pursuant to section 36-441, 36-445, 36-2402 or 36-2917. Medical
31 records do not include recorded telephone and radio calls to and from a
32 publicly operated emergency dispatch office relating to requests for
33 emergency services or reports of suspected criminal activity, but ~~shall~~
34 include communications that are recorded in any form or medium between
35 emergency medical personnel and medical personnel concerning the diagnosis or
36 treatment of a person.
37 ~~6.~~ 7. "Payment records" means all communications related to payment
38 for a patient's health care that contain individually identifiable
39 information.
40 ~~7.~~ 8. "Source data" means information that is summarized, interpreted
41 or reported in the medical record, including x-rays and other diagnostic
42 images.

1 Sec. 2. Section 12-2294, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
2 12-2294. Release of medical records and payment records to
3 third parties

4 A. A health care provider shall disclose medical records or payment
5 records, or the information contained in medical records or payment records,
6 without the patient's written authorization as otherwise required by law or
7 when ordered by a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction.

8 B. A health care provider may disclose medical records or payment
9 records, or the information contained in medical records or payment records,
10 pursuant to written authorization signed by the patient or the patient's
11 health care decision maker.

12 C. A health care provider may disclose medical records or payment
13 records or the information contained in medical records or payment records
14 **AND A CLINICAL LABORATORY MAY DISCLOSE CLINICAL LABORATORY RESULTS** without
15 the written authorization of the patient or the patient's health care
16 decision maker as otherwise authorized by state or federal law, including the
17 health insurance portability and accountability act privacy standards
18 (45 Code of Federal Regulations part 160 and part 164, subpart E), or as
19 follows:

20 1. To health care providers who are currently providing health care to
21 the patient for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment of the patient.

22 2. To health care providers who have previously provided treatment to
23 the patient, to the extent that the records pertain to the provided
24 treatment.

25 3. To ambulance attendants as defined in section 36-2201 for the
26 purpose of providing care to or transferring the patient whose records are
27 requested.

28 4. To a private agency that accredits health care providers and with
29 whom the health care provider has an agreement requiring the agency to
30 protect the confidentiality of patient information.

31 5. To a health profession regulatory board as defined in section
32 32-3201.

33 6. To health care providers for the purpose of conducting utilization
34 review, peer review and quality assurance pursuant to section 36-441, 36-445,
35 36-2402 or 36-2917.

36 7. To a person or entity that provides ~~billing, claims management,~~
37 ~~medical data processing, utilization review or other administrative~~ services
38 to the patient's health care providers **OR CLINICAL LABORATORIES** and with whom
39 the health care provider has an agreement requiring the person or entity to
40 protect the confidentiality of patient information **AND AS REQUIRED BY THE**
41 **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS, 45**
42 **CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 164, SUBPART E.**

43 8. To the legal representative of a health care provider in possession
44 of the medical records or payment records for the purpose of securing legal
45 advice.

1 9. To the patient's third party payor or the payor's contractor.

2 10. To the industrial commission of Arizona or parties to an industrial
3 commission claim pursuant to title 23, chapter 6.

4 D. A health care provider may disclose a deceased patient's medical
5 records or payment records or the information contained in medical records or
6 payment records to the patient's health care decision maker at the time of
7 the patient's death. A health care provider also may disclose a deceased
8 patient's medical records or payment records or the information contained in
9 medical records or payment records to the personal representative or
10 administrator of the estate of a deceased patient, or if a personal
11 representative or administrator has not been appointed, to the following
12 persons in the following order of priority, unless the deceased patient
13 during the deceased patient's lifetime or a person in a higher order of
14 priority has notified the health care provider in writing that the deceased
15 patient opposed the release of the medical records or payment records:

16 1. The deceased patient's spouse, unless the patient and the patient's
17 spouse were legally separated at the time of the patient's death.

18 2. The acting trustee of a trust created by the deceased patient
19 either alone or with the deceased patient's spouse if the trust was a
20 revocable inter vivos trust during the deceased patient's lifetime and the
21 deceased patient was a beneficiary of the trust during the deceased patient's
22 lifetime.

23 3. An adult child of the deceased patient.

24 4. A parent of the deceased patient.

25 5. An adult brother or sister of the deceased patient.

26 6. A guardian or conservator of the deceased patient at the time of
27 the patient's death.

28 E. A person who receives medical records or payment records pursuant
29 to this section shall not disclose those records without the written
30 authorization of the patient or the patient's health care decision maker,
31 unless otherwise authorized by law.

32 F. If a health care provider releases a patient's medical records or
33 payment records to a contractor for the purpose of duplicating or disclosing
34 the records on behalf of the health care provider, the contractor shall not
35 disclose any part or all of a patient's medical records or payment records in
36 its custody except as provided in this article. After duplicating or
37 disclosing a patient's medical records or payment records on behalf of a
38 health care provider, a contractor must return the records to the health care
39 provider who released the medical records or payment records to the
40 contractor.

41 Sec. 3. Section 12-2296, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42 12-2296. Immunity

43 A health care provider, ~~or~~ contractor OR CLINICAL LABORATORY that acts
44 in good faith under this article is not liable for damages in any civil
45 action for the disclosure of medical records, ~~or~~ payment records OR CLINICAL

1 LABORATORY RESULTS or information contained in medical records, ~~or~~ payment
2 records OR CLINICAL LABORATORY RESULTS that is made pursuant to this article
3 or as otherwise provided by law. The health care provider, ~~or~~ contractor OR
4 CLINICAL LABORATORY is presumed to have acted in good faith. The presumption
5 may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence.

6 Sec. 4. Section 13-2316, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
7 13-2316. Computer tampering; venue; forfeiture; classification

8 A. A person who acts without authority or who exceeds authorization of
9 use commits computer tampering by:

10 1. Accessing, altering, damaging or destroying any computer, computer
11 system or network, or any part of a computer, computer system or network,
12 with the intent to devise or execute any scheme or artifice to defraud or
13 deceive, or to control property or services by means of false or fraudulent
14 pretenses, representations or promises.

15 2. Knowingly altering, damaging, deleting or destroying computer
16 programs or data.

17 3. Knowingly introducing a computer contaminant into any computer,
18 computer system or network.

19 4. Recklessly disrupting or causing the disruption of computer,
20 computer system or network services or denying or causing the denial of
21 computer or network services to any authorized user of a computer, computer
22 system or network.

23 5. Recklessly using a computer, computer system or network to engage
24 in a scheme or course of conduct that is directed at another person and that
25 seriously alarms, torments, threatens or terrorizes the person. For the
26 purposes of this paragraph, the conduct must both:

27 (a) Cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional
28 distress.

29 (b) Serve no legitimate purpose.

30 6. Preventing a computer user from exiting a site, computer system or
31 network-connected location in order to compel the user's computer to continue
32 communicating with, connecting to or displaying the content of the service,
33 site or system.

34 7. Knowingly obtaining any information that is required by law to be
35 kept confidential or any records that are not public records by accessing any
36 computer, computer system or network that is operated by this state, a
37 political subdivision of this state, ~~or a medical institution~~ A HEALTH CARE
38 PROVIDER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-2291, A CLINICAL LABORATORY AS DEFINED IN
39 SECTION 36-451 OR A PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES ON BEHALF OF A
40 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR A CLINICAL LABORATORY.

41 8. Knowingly accessing any computer, computer system or network or any
42 computer software, program or data that is contained in a computer, computer
43 system or network.

1 B. In addition to section 13-109, a prosecution for a violation of
2 this section may be tried in any of the following counties:

3 1. The county in which the victimized computer, computer system or
4 network is located.

5 2. The county in which the computer, computer system or network that
6 was used in the commission of the offense is located or in which any books,
7 records, documents, property, financial instruments, computer software, data,
8 access devices or instruments of the offense were used.

9 3. The county in which any authorized user was denied service or in
10 which an authorized user's service was interrupted.

11 4. The county in which critical infrastructure resources were tampered
12 with or affected.

13 C. On conviction of a violation of this section, the court shall order
14 that any computer system or instrument of communication that was owned or
15 used exclusively by the defendant and that was used in the commission of the
16 offense be forfeited and sold, destroyed or otherwise properly disposed.

17 D. A violation of subsection A, paragraph 6 of this section
18 constitutes an unlawful practice under section 44-1522 and is in addition to
19 all other causes of action, remedies and penalties that are available to this
20 state. The attorney general may investigate and take appropriate action
21 pursuant to title 44, chapter 10, article 7.

22 E. Computer tampering pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of this
23 section is a class 3 felony. Computer tampering pursuant to subsection A,
24 paragraph 2, 3 or 4 of this section is a class 4 felony, unless the computer,
25 computer system or network tampered with is a critical infrastructure
26 resource, in which case it is a class 2 felony. Computer tampering pursuant
27 to subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section is a class 5 felony. Computer
28 tampering pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 7 or 8 of this section is a
29 class 6 felony.

30 Sec. 5. Section 36-135, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

31 36-135. Child immunization reporting system; requirements;
32 access; confidentiality; immunity; violation;
33 classification; definitions

34 A. The child immunization reporting system is established in the
35 department to collect, store, analyze, release and report immunization data.

36 B. ~~Beginning on January 1, 1998,~~ A health care professional who is
37 licensed under title 32 to provide immunizations, except as provided in
38 subsection I **OF THIS SECTION**, shall report the following information:

39 1. The health care professional's name, business address and business
40 telephone number.

41 2. The child's name, address, social security number if known and not
42 confidential, gender, date of birth and mother's maiden name.

43 3. The type of vaccine administered and the date it is administered.

1 C. The health care professional may submit this information to the
2 department on a weekly or monthly basis by telephone, facsimile, mail,
3 computer or any other method prescribed by the department.

4 D. Except as provided in subsection I OF THIS SECTION, the department
5 shall release identifying information only to the ~~person's health care~~
6 ~~professional~~ PERSON, THE PERSON'S HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKER, parent or
7 guardian, ~~health care services organization~~, A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, AN
8 ENTITY REGULATED UNDER TITLE 20, the Arizona health care cost containment
9 system and its providers as defined in chapter 29 of this title, ~~or~~ a school
10 official who is authorized by law to receive and record immunization records
11 OR A PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND
12 WITH WHOM THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER HAS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT THAT
13 REQUIRES THE PERSON OR ENTITY TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE
14 INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED BY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
15 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS, 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS
16 PART 164, SUBPART E. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO RELEASE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
17 TO AN ENTITY DESIGNATED BY THE PERSON OR THE PERSON'S HEALTH CARE DECISION
18 MAKER, PARENT OR GUARDIAN. The department, by rule, may release immunization
19 information to persons for a specified purpose. The department may release
20 nonidentifying summary statistics.

21 E. Identifying information in the system is confidential. A person
22 who is authorized to receive confidential information under subsection D OF
23 THIS SECTION OR PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT shall ~~not~~
24 disclose this information ~~to any other person~~ ONLY AS PERMITTED BY THIS
25 SECTION OR RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

26 F. A health care ~~professional who~~ PROVIDER THAT provides information
27 in good faith pursuant to this section is not subject to civil or criminal
28 liability.

29 G. A health care ~~professional who~~ PROVIDER THAT does not comply with
30 the requirements of this section violates a law applicable to the practice of
31 medicine and commits an act of unprofessional conduct OR A VIOLATION OF
32 CHAPTER 4 OF THIS TITLE.

33 H. Any agency or person receiving confidential information from the
34 system who subsequently discloses that information to any other person OTHER
35 THAN AS PERMITTED BY THIS SECTION is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.

36 I. At the request of the person, or if the person is a child the
37 child's parent or guardian, the department of health services shall provide a
38 form to be signed that allows confidential immunization information to be
39 withheld from all persons including persons authorized to receive
40 confidential information pursuant to subsection D OF THIS SECTION. If the
41 request is delivered to the health care professional ~~prior to~~ BEFORE the
42 immunization, the health care professional shall not forward the information
43 required under subsection B OF THIS SECTION to the department.

44 J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKER" AND
45 "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-2291.

1 ~~G~~ H. The laboratory shall report test results ordered pursuant to
2 subsection ~~F~~ G OF THIS SECTION to the person who authorized the test and to
3 the person who requested it.

4 Sec. 7. Section 36-509, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
5 36-509. Confidential records; immunity

6 A. A health care entity must keep records and information contained in
7 records confidential and not as public records, except as provided in this
8 section. Records and information contained in records may only be disclosed
9 to:

10 1. Physicians and providers of health, mental health or social and
11 welfare services involved in caring for, treating or rehabilitating the
12 patient.

13 2. Individuals to whom the patient or the patient's health care
14 decision maker has given authorization to have information disclosed.

15 3. Persons authorized by a court order.

16 4. Persons doing research only if the activity is conducted pursuant
17 to applicable federal or state laws and regulations governing research.

18 5. The state department of corrections in cases in which prisoners
19 confined to the state prison are patients in the state hospital on authorized
20 transfers either by voluntary admission or by order of the court.

21 6. Governmental or law enforcement agencies if necessary to:

22 (a) Secure the return of a patient who is on unauthorized absence from
23 any agency where the patient was undergoing evaluation and treatment.

24 (b) Report a crime on the premises.

25 (c) Avert a serious and imminent threat to an individual or the
26 public.

27 7. Persons, including family members, actively participating in the
28 patient's care, treatment or supervision. A health care provider may only
29 release information relating to the patient's diagnosis, prognosis, need for
30 hospitalization, anticipated length of stay, discharge plan, medication,
31 medication side effects and short-term and long-term treatment goals. A
32 health care provider may make this release only after the treating
33 professional or that person's designee interviews the patient or the
34 patient's health care decision maker and the patient or the patient's health
35 care decision maker does not object, unless federal or state law permits the
36 disclosure. If the patient does not have the opportunity to object to the
37 disclosure because of incapacity or an emergency circumstance and the
38 patient's health care decision maker is not available to object to the
39 release, the health care provider in the exercise of professional judgment
40 may determine if the disclosure is in the best interests of the patient and,
41 if so, may release the information authorized pursuant to this paragraph. A
42 decision to release or withhold information is subject to review pursuant to
43 section 36-517.01. The health care provider must record the name of any
44 person to whom any information is given under this paragraph.

- 1 8. A state agency that licenses health professionals pursuant to title
2 32, chapter 13, 15, 17, 19.1 or 33 and that requires these records in the
3 course of investigating complaints of professional negligence, incompetence
4 or lack of clinical judgment.
- 5 9. A state or federal agency that licenses health care providers.
- 6 10. A governmental agency or a competent professional, as defined in
7 section 36-3701, in order to comply with chapter 37 of this title.
- 8 11. Human rights committees established pursuant to title 41, chapter
9 35. Any information released pursuant to this paragraph shall comply with
10 the requirements of section 41-3804 and applicable federal law and shall be
11 released without personally identifiable information unless the personally
12 identifiable information is required for the official purposes of the human
13 rights committee. Case information received by a human rights committee
14 shall be maintained as confidential. For the purposes of this paragraph,
15 "personally identifiable information" includes a person's name, address, date
16 of birth, social security number, tribal enrollment number, telephone or
17 telefacsimile number, driver license number, places of employment, school
18 identification number and military identification number or any other
19 distinguishing characteristic that tends to identify a particular person.
- 20 12. A patient or the patient's health care decision maker pursuant to
21 section 36-507.
- 22 13. The department of public safety by the court to comply with the
23 requirements of section 36-540, subsection N.
- 24 14. A third party payor or the payor's contractor ~~to obtain~~
25 ~~reimbursement for health care, mental health care or behavioral health care~~
26 ~~provided to the patient~~ AS PERMITTED BY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
27 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS, 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 160
28 AND PART 164, SUBPART E.
- 29 15. A private entity that accredits the health care provider and with
30 whom the health care provider has an agreement requiring the agency to
31 protect the confidentiality of patient information.
- 32 16. The legal representative of a health care entity in possession of
33 the record for the purpose of securing legal advice.
- 34 17. A person or entity as otherwise required by state or federal law.
- 35 18. A person or entity as permitted by the federal regulations on
36 alcohol and drug abuse treatment (42 Code of Federal Regulations part 2).
- 37 19. A person or entity to conduct utilization review, peer review and
38 quality assurance pursuant to section 36-441, 36-445, 36-2402 or 36-2917.
- 39 20. A person maintaining health statistics for public health purposes
40 as authorized by law.
- 41 21. A grand jury as directed by subpoena.
- 42 22. A PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE PATIENT'S HEALTH
43 CARE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-2291, AND WITH WHOM THE HEALTH CARE
44 PROVIDER HAS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRES THE PERSON OR
45 ENTITY TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PATIENT INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY

1 THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS, 45
2 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 164, SUBPART E.

3 B. Information and records obtained in the course of evaluation,
4 examination or treatment and submitted in any court proceeding pursuant to
5 this chapter or title 14, chapter 5 are confidential and are not public
6 records unless the hearing requirements of this chapter or title 14, chapter
7 5 require a different procedure. Information and records that are obtained
8 pursuant to this section and submitted in a court proceeding pursuant to
9 title 14, chapter 5 and that are not clearly identified by the parties as
10 confidential and segregated from nonconfidential information and records are
11 considered public records.

12 C. Notwithstanding subsections A and B of this section, the legal
13 representative of a patient who is the subject of a proceeding conducted
14 pursuant to this chapter and title 14, chapter 5 has access to the patient's
15 information and records in the possession of a health care entity or filed
16 with the court.

17 D. A HEALTH CARE ENTITY THAT ACTS IN GOOD FAITH UNDER THIS ARTICLE IS
18 NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGES IN ANY CIVIL ACTION FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS OR
19 PAYMENT RECORDS THAT IS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE OR AS OTHERWISE
20 PROVIDED BY LAW. THE HEALTH CARE ENTITY IS PRESUMED TO HAVE ACTED IN GOOD
21 FAITH. THIS PRESUMPTION MAY BE REBUTTED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE.

22 Sec. 8. Section 36-664, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
23 36-664. Confidentiality; exceptions

24 A. A person who obtains communicable disease related information in
25 the course of providing a health service or obtains that information from a
26 health care provider pursuant to an authorization shall not disclose or be
27 compelled to disclose that information except to the following:

28 1. The protected person or, if the protected person lacks capacity to
29 consent, the protected person's health care decision maker.

30 2. The department or a local health department for purposes of
31 notifying a good Samaritan pursuant to subsection E of this section.

32 3. An agent or employee of a health facility or health care provider
33 to provide health services to the protected person or the protected person's
34 child or for billing or reimbursement for health services.

35 4. A health facility or health care provider, in relation to the
36 procurement, processing, distributing or use of a human body or a human body
37 part, including organs, tissues, eyes, bones, arteries, blood, semen, milk or
38 other body fluids, for use in medical education, research or therapy or for
39 transplantation to another person.

40 5. A health facility or health care provider, or an organization,
41 committee or individual designated by the health facility or health care
42 provider, that is engaged in the review of professional practices, including
43 the review of the quality, utilization or necessity of medical care, or an
44 accreditation or oversight review organization responsible for the review of
45 professional practices at a health facility or by a health care provider.

1 6. A private entity that accredits the health facility or health care
2 provider and with whom the health facility or health care provider has an
3 agreement requiring the agency to protect the confidentiality of patient
4 information.

5 7. A federal, state, county or local health officer if disclosure is
6 mandated by federal or state law.

7 8. A federal, state or local government agency authorized by law to
8 receive the information. The agency is authorized to redisclose the
9 information only pursuant to this article or as otherwise permitted by law.

10 9. An authorized employee or agent of a federal, state or local
11 government agency that supervises or monitors the health care provider or
12 health facility or administers the program under which the health service is
13 provided. An authorized employee or agent includes only an employee or agent
14 who, in the ordinary course of business of the government agency, has access
15 to records relating to the care or treatment of the protected person.

16 10. A person, health care provider or health facility to which
17 disclosure is ordered by a court or administrative body pursuant to section
18 36-665.

19 11. The industrial commission or parties to an industrial commission **OF**
20 **ARIZONA** claim pursuant to section 23-908, subsection D and section
21 23-1043.02.

22 12. Insurance entities pursuant to section 20-448.01 and third party
23 payors or the payors' contractors.

24 13. Any person or entity as authorized by the patient or the patient's
25 health care decision maker.

26 14. A person or entity as required by federal law.

27 15. The legal representative of the entity holding the information in
28 order to secure legal advice.

29 16. A person or entity for research only if the research is conducted
30 pursuant to applicable federal or state laws and regulations governing
31 research.

32 17. **A PERSON OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE PATIENT'S HEALTH**
33 **CARE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-2291, AND WITH WHOM THE HEALTH CARE**
34 **PROVIDER HAS A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT THAT REQUIRES THE PERSON OR**
35 **ENTITY TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PATIENT INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY**
36 **THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS,**
37 **45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 164, SUBPART E.**

38 B. At the request of the department of economic security **AND** in
39 conjunction with the placement of children in foster care or for adoption or
40 court-ordered placement, a health care provider shall disclose communicable
41 disease information, including HIV-related information, to the department of
42 economic security.

43 C. A state, county or local health department or officer may disclose
44 communicable disease related information if the disclosure is any of the
45 following:

- 1 1. Specifically authorized or required by federal or state law.
- 2 2. Made pursuant to an authorization signed by the protected person or
- 3 the protected person's health care decision maker.
- 4 3. Made to a contact of the protected person. The disclosure shall be
- 5 made without identifying the protected person.
- 6 4. For the purposes of research as authorized by state and federal
- 7 law.

8 D. The director may authorize the release of information that
9 identifies the protected person to the national center for health statistics
10 of the United States public health service for the purposes of conducting a
11 search of the national death index.

12 E. The department or a local health department shall disclose
13 communicable disease related information to a good Samaritan who submits a
14 request to the department or the local health department. The request shall
15 document the occurrence of the accident, fire or other life-threatening
16 emergency and shall include information regarding the nature of the
17 significant exposure risk. The department shall adopt rules that prescribe
18 standards of significant exposure risk based on the best available medical
19 evidence. The department shall adopt rules that establish procedures for
20 processing requests from good Samaritans pursuant to this subsection. The
21 rules shall provide that the disclosure to the good Samaritan shall not
22 reveal the protected person's name and shall be accompanied by a written
23 statement that warns the good Samaritan that the confidentiality of the
24 information is protected by state law.

25 F. An authorization to release communicable disease related
26 information shall be signed by the protected person or, if the protected
27 person lacks capacity to consent, the protected person's health care decision
28 maker. An authorization shall be dated and shall specify to whom disclosure
29 is authorized, the purpose for disclosure and the time period during which
30 the release is effective. A general authorization for the release of medical
31 or other information, including communicable disease related information, is
32 not an authorization for the release of HIV-related information unless the
33 authorization specifically indicates its purpose as an authorization for the
34 release of confidential HIV-related information and complies with the
35 requirements of this section.

36 G. A person to whom communicable disease related information is
37 disclosed pursuant to this section shall not disclose the information to
38 another person except as authorized by this section. This subsection does
39 not apply to the protected person or a protected person's health care
40 decision maker.

41 ~~H. If a disclosure of communicable disease related information is made~~
42 ~~pursuant to an authorization under subsection F of this section, the~~
43 ~~disclosure shall be accompanied by a statement in writing that warns that the~~
44 ~~information is from confidential records protected by state law and that~~
45 ~~prohibits further disclosure of the information without the specific written~~

~~authorization of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by law.~~

~~I.~~ H. This section does not prohibit the listing of communicable disease related information, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome, HIV-related illness or HIV infection, in a certificate of death, autopsy report or other related document that is prepared pursuant to law to document the cause of death or that is prepared to release a body to a funeral director. This section does not modify a law or rule relating to access to death certificates, autopsy reports or other related documents.

~~J.~~ I. If a person in possession of HIV-related information reasonably believes that an identifiable third party is at risk of HIV infection, that person may report that risk to the department. The report shall be in writing and include the name and address of the identifiable third party and the name and address of the person making the report. The department shall contact the person at risk pursuant to rules adopted by the department. The department employee making the initial contact shall have expertise in counseling persons who have been exposed to or tested positive for HIV or acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

~~K.~~ J. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to this article or subject to an order or search warrant issued pursuant to section 36-665, a person who receives HIV-related information in the course of providing a health service or pursuant to a release of HIV-related information shall not disclose that information to another person or legal entity or be compelled by subpoena, order, search warrant or other judicial process to disclose that information to another person or legal entity.

~~L.~~ K. This section and sections 36-663, 36-666, 36-667 and 36-668 do not apply to persons or entities subject to regulation under title 20.

Sec. 9. Title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding chapter 38, to read:

CHAPTER 38
HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATIONS
ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

36-3801. Definitions

IN THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

1. "BREACH" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, PART 164, SUBPART D.

2. "CLINICAL LABORATORY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-451.

3. "HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-2291.

4. "HEALTH CARE PROVIDER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 12-2291.

5. "HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT OVERSEES AND GOVERNS THE EXCHANGE OF INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION AMONG ORGANIZATIONS ACCORDING TO NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS.

1 HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION DOES NOT INCLUDE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR AN
2 ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MAINTAINED BY OR ON BEHALF OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
3 AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ENTITIES SUBJECT TO TITLE 20 OR THAT ARE HEALTH PLANS AS
4 DEFINED IN 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 160.103.

5 6. "INDIVIDUAL" MEANS THE PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE
6 INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION.

7 7. "INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION" HAS THE SAME MEANING
8 PRESCRIBED IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY
9 STANDARDS, 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 160 AND PART 164, SUBPART E.

10 8. "MEDICAL RECORDS" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
11 12-2291.

12 9. "OPT OUT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL'S WRITTEN DECISION THAT THE
13 INDIVIDUAL'S INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION CANNOT BE SHARED
14 THROUGH A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION.

15 10. "PERSON" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 1-215.

16 11. "TREATMENT" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE
17 PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY STANDARDS, 45 CODE OF FEDERAL
18 REGULATIONS PART 160 AND PART 164, SUBPART E.

19 12. "WRITTEN" MEANS IN HANDWRITING OR THROUGH AN ELECTRONIC TRANSACTION
20 THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 44, CHAPTER 26.

21 36-3802. Individual rights

22 A. A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS
23 TO INDIVIDUALS:

24 1. TO OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-3803.

26 2. TO REQUEST A COPY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE
27 HEALTH INFORMATION THAT IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HEALTH INFORMATION
28 ORGANIZATION. THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MAY PROVIDE THIS RIGHT
29 DIRECTLY OR MAY REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PARTICIPATING IN THE HEALTH
30 INFORMATION ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS. THE COPY MAY BE
31 PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY, IF THE INDIVIDUAL REQUESTING THE COPY CONSENTS TO
32 ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF THE INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION, AND
33 MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S
34 REQUEST. CHARGES FOR COPIES ARE GOVERNED BY SECTION 12-2295.

35 3. TO REQUEST AMENDMENT OF INCORRECT INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH
36 INFORMATION AVAILABLE THROUGH THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION.

37 4. TO REQUEST A LIST OF THE PERSONS WHO HAVE ACCESSED THE INDIVIDUAL'S
38 INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION THROUGH THE HEALTH INFORMATION
39 ORGANIZATION FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL'S
40 REQUEST. THIS LIST MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THIRTY DAYS
41 AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL'S REQUEST.

42 5. TO BE NOTIFIED, PURSUANT TO SECTION 44-7501 AND 45 CODE OF FEDERAL
43 REGULATIONS PART 164, SUBPART D, OF A BREACH AT THE HEALTH INFORMATION
44 ORGANIZATION THAT AFFECTS THE INDIVIDUAL'S INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH
45 INFORMATION.

1 E. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATING IN A HEALTH INFORMATION
2 ORGANIZATION MUST PROVIDE THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION'S NOTICE OF
3 HEALTH INFORMATION PRACTICES IN AT LEAST TWELVE-POINT TYPE TO THE PROVIDER'S
4 PATIENTS BEFORE OR AT THE PROVIDER'S FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH A PATIENT,
5 BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE PROVIDER'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH
6 INFORMATION ORGANIZATION. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MUST DOCUMENT THAT IT HAS
7 PROVIDED THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION'S NOTICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION
8 PRACTICES TO A PATIENT AND THAT THE PATIENT HAS RECEIVED AND READ AND
9 UNDERSTANDS THE NOTICE. DOCUMENTATION MUST BE IN THE FORM OF A SIGNATURE BY
10 THE PATIENT INDICATING THE PATIENT HAS RECEIVED AND READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE
11 NOTICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PRACTICES AND WHETHER THE PATIENT CHOOSES TO OPT
12 OUT. AS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPS AND ELECTRONIC METHODS OF RECEIVING
13 DOCUMENTATION FROM THE PATIENT EXIST, THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION IS
14 PERMITTED TO UTILIZE SUCH ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTATION.

15 F. IF THE PATIENT CHOOSES TO OPT OUT OF THE HEALTH INFORMATION
16 ORGANIZATION, THE PATIENT'S PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION SHALL NOT BE
17 ACCESSIBLE THROUGH THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION NO LATER THAN THIRTY
18 DAYS AFTER THE PATIENT OPTS OUT.

19 G. IF THERE IS A MATERIAL CHANGE TO A HEALTH INFORMATION
20 ORGANIZATION'S NOTICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PRACTICES, A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER
21 MUST REDISTRIBUTE THE NOTICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PRACTICES AT THE NEXT
22 POINT OF CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT OR IN THE SAME MANNER AND WITHIN THE SAME
23 TIME PERIOD AS IS REQUIRED BY 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS SECTION 164.528
24 IN RELATION TO THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER'S NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES,
25 WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

26 36-3805. Disclosure of individually identifiable health
27 information

28 A. A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MAY DISCLOSE AN INDIVIDUAL'S
29 INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION ONLY IF:

30 1. THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT OPTED OUT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE HEALTH
31 INFORMATION ORGANIZATION.

32 2. THE TYPE OF DISCLOSURE IS EXPLAINED IN THE HEALTH INFORMATION
33 ORGANIZATION'S CURRENT NOTICE OF HEALTH INFORMATION PRACTICES.

34 3. THE DISCLOSURE COMPLIES WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
35 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT PRIVACY RULE, 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 164,
36 SUBPART E.

37 B. A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MAY NOT SELL OR OTHERWISE MAKE
38 COMMERCIAL USE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH
39 INFORMATION WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

40 C. A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MAY NOT TRANSFER INDIVIDUALLY
41 IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION OR DEIDENTIFIED HEALTH INFORMATION TO ANY
42 PERSON OR ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESEARCH OR USING THE INFORMATION AS PART
43 OF A SET OF DATA FOR AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT OR OTHER RESEARCH FUNDING,
44 UNLESS THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OBTAINS CONSENT FROM THE INDIVIDUAL FOR THE
45 TRANSFER. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MUST DOCUMENT THAT IT HAS PROVIDED A NOTICE

1 OF TRANSFER TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED AND READ
2 AND UNDERSTANDS THE NOTICE. DOCUMENTATION MUST BE IN THE FORM OF A SIGNATURE
3 BY THE INDIVIDUAL INDICATING THE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED AND READ AND
4 UNDERSTANDS THE NOTICE AND THAT THE PATIENT GIVES CONSENT TO THE TRANSFER OF
5 INFORMATION. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "CONSENT" MEANS THAT A
6 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATING IN A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION HAS
7 PROVIDED A NOTICE TO THE INDIVIDUAL THAT IS IN AT LEAST TWELVE-POINT TYPE AND
8 THAT DESCRIBES THE PURPOSES OF THE TRANSFER.

9 D. THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH ANY OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE
10 LAWS OR REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE MORE EXTENSIVE PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALLY
11 IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION THAN PROVIDED IN THIS CHAPTER.

12 36-3806. Required policies

13 A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MUST IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE POLICIES
14 GOVERNING THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH
15 INFORMATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CHAPTER. THESE POLICIES MUST:

16 1. IMPLEMENT THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3802.
17 2. ADDRESS THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO OPT-OUT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE
18 HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-3803.

19 3. ADDRESS THE CONTENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTICE OF HEALTH
20 INFORMATION PRACTICES PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3804.

21 4. IMPLEMENT THE RESTRICTIONS ON DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUALLY
22 IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 36-3805.

23 5. ADDRESS SECURITY SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE
24 HEALTH INFORMATION, AS REQUIRED BY THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND
25 ACCOUNTABILITY ACT SECURITY RULE, 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 164,
26 SUBPART C.

27 6. PRESCRIBE THE APPOINTMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PERSON OR
28 PERSONS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING PRIVACY AND SECURITY
29 PROCEDURES FOR THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION.

30 7. REQUIRE TRAINING OF EACH EMPLOYEE AND AGENT OF THE HEALTH
31 INFORMATION ORGANIZATION ABOUT THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION'S
32 POLICIES, INCLUDING THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE PRIVACY AND SECURITY OF
33 INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION AND THE PENALTIES PROVIDED FOR
34 THE UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS, RELEASE, TRANSFER, USE OR DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUALLY
35 IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION. THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MUST
36 PROVIDE THIS TRAINING BEFORE AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT MAY HAVE ACCESS TO
37 INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE HEALTH
38 INFORMATION ORGANIZATION, AND TWICE A YEAR FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS.

39 36-3807. Implementing individual preference for sharing
40 individually identifiable health information; review

41 A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION MUST HAVE TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY TO
42 IMPLEMENT INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES FOR SHARING OR SEGREGATING INDIVIDUALLY
43 IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE
44 OF THIS SECTION. AFTER THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION OBTAINS THE
45 TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY TO IMPLEMENT INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES FOR SHARING OR

1 SEGREGATING INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION, THE HEALTH CARE
2 PROVIDER MUST PROVIDE NOTICE TO THE PATIENT OF THE CHANGE PURSUANT TO SECTION
3 36-3804, SUBSECTION G.

4 36-3808. Subpoenas; certification requirements

5 A. INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION THAT IS MAINTAINED BY
6 A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION IS NOT SUBJECT TO A SUBPOENA DIRECTED TO
7 THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION UNLESS SECTION 12-2294.01 IS FOLLOWED AND
8 A COURT HAS DETERMINED ON MOTION AND NOTICE TO THE HEALTH INFORMATION
9 ORGANIZATION AND THE PARTIES TO THE LITIGATION IN WHICH THE SUBPOENA IS
10 SERVED THAT THE INFORMATION SOUGHT FROM THE HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION
11 IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM THE ORIGINAL SOURCE AND EITHER IS RELEVANT TO THE
12 SUBJECT MATTER INVOLVED IN THE PENDING ACTION OR IS REASONABLY CALCULATED TO
13 LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE IN THE PENDING ACTION.

14 B. A PERSON WHO ISSUES A SUBPOENA TO THE HEALTH INFORMATION
15 ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST CERTIFY BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF THE
16 SUBPOENA THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION HAVE BEEN MET.

17 36-3809. Health care providers; duty to maintain medical
18 records

19 A. A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WHO PARTICIPATES IN A HEALTH INFORMATION
20 ORGANIZATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE PROVIDER'S OWN MEDICAL
21 RECORDS PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 7.1.

22 B. PARTICIPATION IN A HEALTH INFORMATION ORGANIZATION DOES NOT IMPACT
23 THE CONTENT, USE OR DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS OR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
24 MEDICAL RECORDS THAT ARE HELD IN LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE HEALTH INFORMATION
25 ORGANIZATION.

26 C. THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT LIMIT, CHANGE OR OTHERWISE AFFECT A HEALTH
27 CARE PROVIDER'S RIGHT OR DUTY TO EXCHANGE MEDICAL RECORDS OR INFORMATION
28 CONTAINED IN MEDICAL RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW.