

1 AN ACT concerning civil law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Mental Health and Developmental  
5 Disabilities Confidentiality Act is amended by changing  
6 Sections 2 and 11 as follows:

7 (740 ILCS 110/2) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 802)

8 Sec. 2. The terms used in this Act, unless the context  
9 requires otherwise, have the meanings ascribed to them in this  
10 Section.

11 "Agent" means a person who has been legally appointed as  
12 an individual's agent under a power of attorney for health  
13 care or for property.

14 "Business associate" has the meaning ascribed to it under  
15 HIPAA, as specified in 45 CFR 160.103.

16 "Confidential communication" or "communication" means any  
17 communication made by a recipient or other person to a  
18 therapist or to or in the presence of other persons during or  
19 in connection with providing mental health or developmental  
20 disability services to a recipient. Communication includes  
21 information which indicates that a person is a recipient.

22 "Communication" does not include information that has been  
23 de-identified in accordance with HIPAA, as specified in 45 CFR

1 164.514.

2 "Covered entity" has the meaning ascribed to it under  
3 HIPAA, as specified in 45 CFR 160.103.

4 "Guardian" means a legally appointed guardian or  
5 conservator of the person.

6 "Health information exchange" or "HIE" means a health  
7 information exchange or health information organization that  
8 oversees and governs the electronic exchange of health  
9 information.

10 "HIE purposes" means those uses and disclosures (as those  
11 terms are defined under HIPAA, as specified in 45 CFR 160.103)  
12 for activities of an HIE which are permitted under federal  
13 law.

14 "HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and  
15 Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, and any  
16 subsequent amendments thereto and any regulations promulgated  
17 thereunder, including the Security Rule, as specified in 45  
18 CFR 164.302-18, and the Privacy Rule, as specified in 45 CFR  
19 164.500-34.

20 "Integrated health system" means an organization with a  
21 system of care which incorporates physical and behavioral  
22 healthcare and includes care delivered in an inpatient and  
23 outpatient setting.

24 "Interdisciplinary team" means a group of persons  
25 representing different clinical disciplines, such as medicine,  
26 nursing, social work, and psychology, providing and

1 coordinating the care and treatment for a recipient of mental  
2 health or developmental disability services. The group may be  
3 composed of individuals employed by one provider or multiple  
4 providers.

5 "Mental health or developmental disabilities services" or  
6 "services" includes but is not limited to examination,  
7 diagnosis, evaluation, treatment, training, pharmaceuticals,  
8 aftercare, habilitation or rehabilitation.

9 "Personal notes" means:

10 (i) information disclosed to the therapist in  
11 confidence by other persons on condition that such  
12 information would never be disclosed to the recipient or  
13 other persons;

14 (ii) information disclosed to the therapist by the  
15 recipient which would be injurious to the recipient's  
16 relationships to other persons, and

17 (iii) the therapist's speculations, impressions,  
18 hunches, and reminders.

19 "Parent" means a parent or, in the absence of a parent or  
20 guardian, a person in loco parentis.

21 "Recipient" means a person who is receiving or has  
22 received mental health or developmental disabilities services.

23 "Record" means any record kept by a therapist or by an  
24 agency in the course of providing mental health or  
25 developmental disabilities service to a recipient concerning  
26 the recipient and the services provided. "Records" includes

1 all records maintained by a court that have been created in  
2 connection with, in preparation for, or as a result of the  
3 filing of any petition or certificate under Chapter II,  
4 Chapter III, or Chapter IV of the Mental Health and  
5 Developmental Disabilities Code and includes the petitions,  
6 certificates, dispositional reports, treatment plans, and  
7 reports of diagnostic evaluations and of hearings under  
8 Article VIII of Chapter III or under Article V of Chapter IV of  
9 that Code. Record does not include the therapist's personal  
10 notes, if such notes are kept in the therapist's sole  
11 possession for his own personal use and are not disclosed to  
12 any other person, except the therapist's supervisor,  
13 consulting therapist or attorney. If at any time such notes  
14 are disclosed, they shall be considered part of the  
15 recipient's record for purposes of this Act. "Record" does not  
16 include information that has been de-identified in accordance  
17 with HIPAA, as specified in 45 CFR 164.514. "Record" does not  
18 include a reference to the receipt of mental health or  
19 developmental disabilities services noted during a patient  
20 history and physical or other summary of care.

21 "Record custodian" means a person responsible for  
22 maintaining a recipient's record.

23 "Research" has the meaning ascribed to it under HIPAA as  
24 specified in 45 CFR 164.501.

25 "Therapist" means a psychiatrist, physician, psychologist,  
26 social worker, or nurse providing mental health or

1 developmental disabilities services or any other person not  
2 prohibited by law from providing such services or from holding  
3 himself out as a therapist if the recipient reasonably  
4 believes that such person is permitted to do so. Therapist  
5 includes any successor of the therapist.

6 "Therapeutic relationship" means the receipt by a  
7 recipient of mental health or developmental disabilities  
8 services from a therapist. "Therapeutic relationship" does not  
9 include independent evaluations for a purpose other than the  
10 provision of mental health or developmental disabilities  
11 services.

12 (Source: P.A. 103-508, eff. 8-4-23.)

13 (740 ILCS 110/11) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 811)

14 Sec. 11. Disclosure of records and communications. Records  
15 and communications may be disclosed:

16 (i) in accordance with the provisions of the Abused  
17 and Neglected Child Reporting Act, subsection (u) of  
18 Section 5 of the Children and Family Services Act, or  
19 Section 7.4 of the Child Care Act of 1969;

20 (ii) when, and to the extent, a therapist, in his or  
21 her sole discretion, determines that disclosure is  
22 necessary to initiate or continue civil commitment or  
23 involuntary treatment proceedings under the laws of this  
24 State or to otherwise protect the recipient or other  
25 person against a clear, imminent risk of serious physical

1 or mental injury or disease or death being inflicted upon  
2 the recipient or by the recipient on himself or another;

3 (iii) when, and to the extent disclosure is, in the  
4 sole discretion of the therapist, necessary to the  
5 provision of emergency medical care to a recipient who is  
6 unable to assert or waive his or her rights hereunder;

7 (iv) when disclosure is necessary to collect sums or  
8 receive third party payment representing charges for  
9 mental health or developmental disabilities services  
10 provided by a therapist or agency to a recipient under  
11 Chapter V of the Mental Health and Developmental  
12 Disabilities Code or to transfer debts under the  
13 Uncollected State Claims Act; however, disclosure shall be  
14 limited to information needed to pursue collection, and  
15 the information so disclosed shall not be used for any  
16 other purposes nor shall it be redisclosed except in  
17 connection with collection activities;

18 (v) when requested by a family member, the Department  
19 of Human Services may assist in the location of the  
20 interment site of a deceased recipient who is interred in  
21 a cemetery established under Section 26 of the Mental  
22 Health and Developmental Disabilities Administrative Act;

23 (vi) in judicial proceedings under Article VIII of  
24 Chapter III and Article V of Chapter IV of the Mental  
25 Health and Developmental Disabilities Code and proceedings  
26 and investigations preliminary thereto, to the State's

1 Attorney for the county or residence of a person who is the  
2 subject of such proceedings, or in which the person is  
3 found, or in which the facility is located, to the  
4 attorney representing the petitioner in the judicial  
5 proceedings, to the attorney representing the recipient in  
6 the judicial proceedings, to any person or agency  
7 providing mental health services that are the subject of  
8 the proceedings and to that person's or agency's attorney,  
9 to any court personnel, including but not limited to  
10 judges and circuit court clerks, and to a guardian ad  
11 litem if one has been appointed by the court. Information  
12 disclosed under this subsection shall not be utilized for  
13 any other purpose nor be redisclosed except in connection  
14 with the proceedings or investigations. Copies of any  
15 records provided to counsel for a petitioner shall be  
16 deleted or destroyed at the end of the proceedings and  
17 counsel for petitioner shall certify to the court in  
18 writing that he or she has done so. At the request of a  
19 recipient or his or her counsel, the court shall issue a  
20 protective order insuring the confidentiality of any  
21 records or communications provided to counsel for a  
22 petitioner;

23 (vii) when, and to the extent disclosure is necessary  
24 to comply with the requirements of the Census Bureau in  
25 taking the federal Decennial Census;

26 (viii) when, and to the extent, in the therapist's

1 sole discretion, disclosure is necessary to warn or  
2 protect a specific individual against whom a recipient has  
3 made a specific threat of violence where there exists a  
4 therapist-recipient relationship or a special  
5 recipient-individual relationship;

6 (ix) in accordance with the Sex Offender Registration  
7 Act;

8 (x) in accordance with the Rights of Crime Victims and  
9 Witnesses Act;

10 (xi) in accordance with Section 6 of the Abused and  
11 Neglected Long Term Care Facility Residents Reporting Act;

12 (xii) in accordance with Section 55 of the Abuse of  
13 Adults with Disabilities Intervention Act;

14 (xiii) to an HIE as specifically allowed under this  
15 Act for HIE purposes and in accordance with any applicable  
16 requirements of the HIE; ~~and~~

17 (xiv) to a law enforcement agency in connection with  
18 the investigation or recovery of a person who has left a  
19 mental health or developmental disability facility as  
20 defined in Section 1-107 or 1-114 of the Mental Health and  
21 Developmental Disabilities Code or the custody of the  
22 Department of Human Services without being duly discharged  
23 or being free to do so; however, disclosure shall be  
24 limited to identifying information as defined in Section  
25 12.2 of this Act; and;

26 (xv) for research in accordance with the requirements



1       set forth under HIPAA. Without limiting the generality of  
2       the foregoing, any authorization obtained in connection  
3       with research that meets the requirements of 45 CFR  
4       164.508(c) shall be exempt from the consent requirements  
5       of Section 5 of this Act.

6       Any person, institution, or agency, under this Act,  
7       participating in good faith in the making of a report under the  
8       Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act or in the disclosure  
9       of records and communications under this Section, shall have  
10      immunity from any liability, civil, criminal or otherwise,  
11      that might result by reason of such action. For the purpose of  
12      any proceeding, civil or criminal, arising out of a report or  
13      disclosure under this Section, the good faith of any person,  
14      institution, or agency so reporting or disclosing shall be  
15      presumed.

16      (Source: P.A. 98-378, eff. 8-16-13; 99-216, eff. 7-31-15.)