

## **Title 10 – Department of Health**

### **Subtitle 41**

### **Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists**

#### **Chapter 10 Compelling Purpose Disclosure**

##### **.01 Scope.**

A. This chapter permits the Board to disclose investigative information to other agencies or other entities, or both, under certain circumstances.

B. A custodian may disclose information in a certification, licensing, or investigative file if the custodian determines that a compelling public purpose exists to warrant disclosure.

##### **.02 Disclosure for Compelling Public Purpose.**

A custodian may find that a compelling public purpose warrants disclosure of information in a certification, licensing, or investigative file, regardless of whether there has been a request for the information, if the information concerns:

A. Possible criminal activity and is disclosed to a federal, state, or local law enforcement or prosecutorial official or authority;

B. A possible violation of law and is disclosed to a federal, state, or local regulatory authority that has jurisdiction over the individual whose conduct may be a violation, and the information disclosed is limited to information relevant to the possible violation by that individual; or

C. Conduct by an individual which the Board reasonably believes may pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare, and is disclosed to a law enforcement authority, administrative official, or agency which regulates the individual, or to a hospital or other health care facility where the individual has privileges.

##### **.03 Other Disclosures.**

This chapter does not prevent or limit the ability of the Board to disclose general licensing information as provided in State Government Article, §10-617(h), Annotated Code of Maryland, or any information which the Board may otherwise disclose by law.