

Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Subtitle 43 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Chapter 13 Code of Ethics

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§1-212, 3-205, and 3-313, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Records, Confidentiality, and Informed Consent.

A chiropractor shall:

- A. Respect and maintain the privacy and confidentiality of the patient;
- B. Disclose the patient's records or information about the patient only:
 - (1) In accordance with the consent to treatment form signed by the:
 - (a) Patient; or
 - (b) Parent or guardian of a minor patient or incompetent patient; or
 - (2) As required by law.
- C. Adequately safeguard confidential patient information, including storage and disposal of records;
- D. Provide sufficient information to a patient to allow the patient to make an informed decision regarding treatment, including:
 - (1) The purpose and nature of an evaluation or treatment regimen;
 - (2) Alternatives to treatment;
 - (3) Side effects and benefits of a treatment regimen proposed and alternatives to that treatment;
 - (4) The estimated cost of treatment and alternatives to treatment;
 - (5) The right of the patient to:
 - (a) Withdraw from treatment at any time, including the risks associated with withdrawing from treatment;
 - (b) Decline to participate in treatment if an aspect of the treatment will be recorded, documented, photographed, observed, or otherwise used in an educational program; or
 - (6) Terminate any treatment contract at any time, for any or no reason, with no fee or penalty incurred;

E. Obtain the full informed consent of a patient participating in a human research program, without communicating a direct or implied penalty for the patient's refusal to participate in the program and with due regard for the patient's autonomy and dignity;

F. Comply with applicable federal and State laws for human research programs; and

G. Promptly and efficiently respond to any patient or Board request for records.

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