

## **Title 10 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

### **Subtitle 42 BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

#### **Chapter 07 Compelling Purpose Disclosure**

**Authority: Health Occupations Article, §19-205; State Government Article, §10-617(h)(3);  
Annotated Code of Maryland**

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

The custodian of the records 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, and may disclose 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 authority that has jurisdiction over the individual whose conduct may be a violation, and the information disclosed is limited to that information relevant to the possible violation by that individual; or
- C. Conduct by an individual which the custodian of the records 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 that regulates the individual, or to a hospital or other health care facility where the individual has privileges.

##### **.02 Other Disclosures.**

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

#### ***Administrative History***

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