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By Representatives Rule, Richards, Nance, Macri, and Simmons; by request of Health Care Authority

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1 AN ACT Relating to addressing the disclosure of health  
2 information for care coordination; and amending RCW 18.225.105 and  
3 18.19.180.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.225.105 and 2020 c 302 s 115 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 A person licensed under this chapter shall not disclose the  
8 written acknowledgment of the disclosure statement pursuant to RCW  
9 18.225.100, nor any information acquired from persons consulting the  
10 individual in a professional capacity when the information was  
11 necessary to enable the individual to render professional services to  
12 those persons except:

13 (1) With the written authorization of that person or, in the case  
14 of death or disability, the person's personal representative;

15 (2) If the person waives the privilege by bringing charges  
16 against the person licensed under this chapter;

17 (3) In response to a subpoena from the secretary. The secretary  
18 may subpoena only records related to a complaint or report under RCW  
19 18.130.050;

20 (4) As required under chapter 26.44 or 74.34 RCW or RCW 71.05.217

21 (6) and (7); ((~~6~~))

1       (5) When disclosure of health care information is permitted under  
2 chapter 70.02 RCW; or

3       (6) To any individual if the person licensed under this chapter  
4 reasonably believes that disclosure will avoid or minimize an  
5 imminent danger to the health or safety of the individual or any  
6 other individual; however, there is no obligation on the part of the  
7 provider to so disclose.

8       **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.19.180 and 2023 c 425 s 17 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10       An individual credentialed under this chapter shall not disclose  
11 the written acknowledgment of the disclosure statement pursuant to  
12 RCW 18.19.060 nor any information acquired from persons consulting  
13 the individual in a professional capacity when that information was  
14 necessary to enable the individual to render professional services to  
15 those persons except:

16       (1) With the written consent of that person or, in the case of  
17 death or disability, the person's personal representative, other  
18 person authorized to sue, or the beneficiary of an insurance policy  
19 on the person's life, health, or physical condition;

20       (2) That a person credentialed under this chapter is not required  
21 to treat as confidential a communication that reveals the  
22 contemplation or commission of a crime or harmful act;

23       (3) If the person is a minor, and the information acquired by the  
24 person credentialed under this chapter indicates that the minor was  
25 the victim or subject of a crime, the person credentialed may testify  
26 fully upon any examination, trial, or other proceeding in which the  
27 commission of the crime is the subject of the inquiry;

28       (4) If the person waives the privilege by bringing charges  
29 against the person credentialed under this chapter;

30       (5) In response to a subpoena from a court of law or the  
31 secretary. The secretary may subpoena only records related to a  
32 complaint or report under chapter 18.130 RCW; (~~(or)~~)

33       (6) As required under chapter 26.44 RCW; or

34       (7) When disclosure of health care information is permitted under  
35 chapter 70.02 RCW.

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