



## Ohio Revised Code Section 3721.25 Confidentiality.

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(A)(1) Except as required by court order, as necessary for the administration or enforcement of any statute or rule relating to long-term care facilities or residential care facilities, or as provided in division (D) of this section, the director of health shall not disclose any of the following without the consent of the individual or the individual's legal representative:

- (a) The name of an individual who reports suspected abuse or neglect of a resident or misappropriation of a resident's property to the director;
- (b) The name of an individual who provides information during an investigation of suspected abuse, neglect, or misappropriation conducted by the director;
- (c) Any information that would tend to disclose the identity of an individual described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section.

(2) An agency or individual to whom the director is required, by court order or for the administration or enforcement of a statute relating to long-term care facilities or residential care facilities, to release information described in division (A)(1) of this section shall not release the information without the permission of the individual who would be or would reasonably tend to be identified, or of the individual's legal representative, unless the agency or individual is required to release it by division (D) of this section, by court order, or for the administration or enforcement of a statute relating to long-term care facilities or residential care facilities.

(B) Except as provided in division (D) of this section, any record that identifies an individual described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, or that would tend to disclose the identity of such an individual, is not a public record for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code, and is not subject to inspection or copying under section 1347.08 of the Revised Code.

(C) Except as provided in division (B) of this section and division (D) of section 3721.23 of the



Revised Code, the records of a hearing conducted under section 3721.23 of the Revised Code are public records for the purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code and are subject to inspection and copying under section 1347.08 of the Revised Code.

(D) If the director, or an agency or individual to whom the director is required by court order or for administration or enforcement of a statute relating to long-term care facilities or residential care facilities to release information described in division (A)(1) of this section, uses information in any administrative or judicial proceeding against a long-term care facility or residential care facility that reasonably would tend to identify an individual described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, the director, agency, or individual shall disclose that information to the facility. However, the director, agency, or individual shall not disclose information that directly identifies an individual described in division (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, unless the individual is to testify in the proceedings.