

X-D-92 | EXEMPTION SUMMARY - §395 FS**Section 395.0162(2), F.S.**

Any records, reports or documents which are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), shall not be distributed or made available for purposes of compliance with this section (relating to inspection reports of licensed facilities) unless or until such confidential status expires.

Section 395.0193(4), F.S.

Reports of final disciplinary actions taken by the governing board of a licensed facility pursuant to s. 395.0193(3) which have been forwarded to the Division of Health Quality Assurance of the Agency for Health Care Administration pursuant to this subsection are not subject to inspection under the provisions of s. 119.07(1), even if the division's investigation results in a finding of probable cause.

Section 395.0193(7), F.S.

The proceedings and records of peer review panels, committees, or governing boards of licensed facilities (i.e., a hospital or surgical facility licensed in accordance with Ch. 395) which relate solely to actions taken in carrying out this section (i.e., disciplinary proceedings against staff) are not subject to inspection under s. 119.07(1) and meetings held to achieve the objectives of such panels, committees or governing boards are not open to the public under Ch. 286.

Section 395.0197(6) (c), F.S.

The annual report submitted by a facility licensed under Ch. 395 (hospitals and surgical facilities) to the Agency for Health Care Administration concerning information on incidents as provided in this section is confidential and is not available to the public pursuant to s. 119.07(1) or any other law providing access to public records.

Section 395.0197(7), F.S.

An adverse incident report submitted by a facility licensed under Ch. 395 to the Agency for Health Care Administration pursuant to this subsection shall not be available to the public pursuant to s. 119.07(1) or any other law providing access to public records, except as authorized therein.

Section 395.0197(13), F.S.

Records of licensed facilities which are obtained by the Agency for Health Care Administration under cited subsections in order to carry out the provisions of this section relating to incidents and injuries are not available to the public under s. 119.07(1), nor shall they be discoverable or admissible in any civil or administrative action, except in disciplinary proceedings by the agencies set forth in the subsection.

Section 395.0197(14), F.S.

The meetings of the committees and governing board of a facility licensed under this chapter (hospitals and surgical facilities) held solely for the purpose of achieving the objectives of risk management as provided by this section shall not be open to the public under Ch. 286. The records of such meetings are confidential and exempt from s. 119.07(1), except as provided in subsection (13).

Section 395.1025, F.S.

Notification to an emergency medical technician, paramedic or other person that a patient they treated or transported has an infectious disease shall be done in a manner to protect the confidentiality of such patient information and shall not include the patient's name.

Section 395.1056, F.S.

Those portions of a comprehensive emergency management plan that address the response of a public or private hospital to an act of terrorism held by specified agencies are confidential and exempt from disclosure requirements but may be disclosed to another agency for anti-terrorism efforts as set forth in the exemption. That portion of a public meeting which would reveal information contained in a comprehensive emergency management plan that addresses the response of a hospital to an act of terrorism is exempt from open meetings requirements.

Section 395.3025(4), F.S.

Patient records are confidential and must not be disclosed without the consent of the patient or his or her legal representative except that appropriate disclosure may be made as provided in the subsection.



Section 395.3025(7) (a) , F.S.

If the content of any patient treatment record is provided under this section, the recipient, if other than the patient or the patient's representative, may use such information only for the purpose provided and may not further disclose any information unless expressly permitted by written consent of the patient. The content of such patient records is confidential and exempt from disclosure.

Section 395.3025(8) , F.S.

Patient records at hospitals and surgical facilities are exempt from disclosure under s. 119.07(1), except as provided in subsections (1) through (5) of this section.

Section 395.3025(9) , F.S.

A facility licensed under Ch. 395 (hospitals and surgical facilities) may prescribe the content and custody of limited-access records which the facility may maintain on its employees. Such records are limited to information regarding evaluations of employee performance and shall be accessible only as provided in the subsection. Such limited-access employee records are exempt from s. 119.07(1) for a period of 5 years from the date such records are designated limited-access records.

Section 395.3025(10) and (11) , F.S.

Except as provided in the exemption, the home addresses, telephone numbers, and photographs of employees of any licensed hospital or surgical facility who provide direct patient care or security services, as well as specified information about the spouses and children of such employees, are confidential and exempt. The same information must also be held confidential by the facility upon written request by other employees who have a reasonable belief, based upon specific circumstances that have been reported in accordance with the procedure adopted by the facility, that release of the information may be used to threaten, intimidate, harass, inflict violence upon, or defraud the employee or any member of the employee's family.

Section 395.3035(2) , F.S.

Certain public hospital records and information, including contracts for managed care arrangements, strategic plans,



trade secrets, as described in the subsection, are confidential and exempt from disclosure.

Section 395.3035(3), F.S.

Those portions of a meeting of a public hospital's governing board, relating to contract negotiations as described in the subsection are exempt from the public meeting requirements; however, all governing board meetings at which the board is scheduled to vote on contracts, except managed care contracts, are open to the public. All portions of a board meeting closed to the public shall be subject to procedural requirements as set forth in the subsection.

Section 395.3035(4), F.S.

Those portions of a meeting of a public hospital's governing board at which written strategic plans that are confidential pursuant to s. 395.3035(2), are discussed, reported on, modified, or approved by the governing board are exempt from open meetings requirements provided that certain procedural requirements as set forth in the subsection are complied with.

Section 395.3035(5), F.S.

Any public records such as tapes, minutes, and notes, generated at a public hospital governing board meeting which is closed to the public pursuant to this section are confidential and exempt from disclosure. All such records shall be retained and shall cease to be exempt at the same time as the transcript of the meeting becomes available to the public.

Section 395.3036, F.S.

The records of a private entity that leases a public hospital or other public health care facility are confidential and exempt from disclosure and the meetings of the governing board of a private entity are exempt from open meetings requirements when the public lessor complies with the public finance accountability provisions of s. 155.40(18) with respect to the transfer of any public funds to the private lessee and when the private lessee meets at least 3 of 5 criteria set forth in the exemption.

Section 395.4025(13) , F.S.

Patient care, transport, or treatment records or reports, or patient care quality assurance proceedings, records, or reports obtained or made pursuant to this section (relating to trauma centers) or pursuant to other statutes cited in the subsection, must be held confidential by the Department of Health and are exempt from s. 119.07(1).

Section 395.51(1) and (2) , F.S.

Information which is confidential by operation of law and which is obtained by a trauma agency or committee assembled pursuant to s. 395.50, shall retain its confidential status and be exempt from s. 119.07(1). Such information which is obtained by a hospital or emergency medical services provider from a trauma agency or committee shall retain its confidential status and be exempt from s. 119.07(1).

Section 395.51(3) , F.S.

Portions of meetings, proceedings, reports and records of a trauma agency or committee assembled pursuant to this chapter, which relate solely to patient care quality assurance are confidential and exempt from s. 286.011. Patient care quality assurance, for the purpose of this section, shall include consideration of specific persons, cases, incidents relevant to the performance of quality control and system evaluation.

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