

51009 Confidential Nature of Records

All individual medical records of beneficiaries acquired by individuals or institutions providing care, the Department, or any other state or local agency, or by any organization contracting to provide administrative services under this program, shall be confidential and shall not be released without the written consent of the beneficiary or his personal representative. This shall not preclude the release of statistical or summary data or information in which individual beneficiaries are not, and cannot be, identified, nor shall it preclude exchange of information between individuals or institutions providing care, fiscal intermediaries, and state or local official agencies. Neither shall this section preclude exchange of information necessary for the purpose of effecting recovery as provided in Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 10020 through 10025, 14024 and 14124.70 through 14124.79 with persons liable thereunder.