

514B.30 Communications in professional confidence.

An officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee of a health maintenance organization shall not testify as to or make other public disclosure of any communication made to a provider and deemed privileged under section 622.10, and which communication has come into the knowledge or possession of such officer, director, trustee, partner, or employee by reason of employment with the health maintenance organization. To the extent necessary to effectuate the examinations provided in section 514B.24 only, the commissioner may examine medical or hospital records of a person receiving basic health care services under the provisions of this chapter but shall not testify as to such confidential communications or make other public disclosure thereof without the express consent of the person or the person's legal representative, if the person is deceased or incompetent. The provisions of section 622.10 respecting waiver shall apply to this section.

A health maintenance organization is hereby prohibited from releasing the names of its membership list of enrollees, whether or not for value or consideration, except to the extent necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter or to conduct research or analyses regarding cost or quality issues.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, § 514B.30]

92 Acts, ch 1162, § 31; 92 Acts, ch 1206, § 6