

229.24 Records of involuntary hospitalization proceeding to be confidential.

1. All papers and records pertaining to any involuntary hospitalization or application for involuntary hospitalization of any person under this chapter, whether part of the permanent record of the court or of a file in the department of human services, are subject to inspection only upon an order of the court for good cause shown. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a hospital from complying with the requirements of this chapter and of chapter 230 relative to financial responsibility for the cost of care and treatment provided a patient in that hospital, nor from properly billing any responsible relative or third-party payer for such care and treatment.

2. If authorized in writing by a person who has been the subject of any proceeding or report under sections 229.6 to 229.13 or section 229.22, or by the parent or guardian of that person, information regarding that person which is confidential under subsection 1 may be released to any designated person.

3. If all or part of the costs associated with hospitalization of an individual under this chapter are chargeable to a county of legal settlement, the clerk of the district court shall provide to the county of legal settlement and to the county in which the hospitalization order is entered, in a form prescribed by the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission, the following information pertaining to the individual which would be confidential under subsection 1:

a. Administrative information, as defined in section 228.1.

b. An evaluation order under this chapter and the location of the individual's placement under the order.

c. A hospitalization or placement order under this chapter and the location of the individual's placement under the order.

d. The date, location, and disposition of any hearing concerning the individual held under this chapter.

e. Any payment source available for the costs of the individual's care.

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83 Acts, ch 96, § 157, 159; 95 Acts, ch 120, §3; 96 Acts, ch 1183, § 22; 2002 Acts, ch 1146, §4; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §8