

17—19.11(17A,22) Consensual disclosure of confidential records.

19.11(1) *Consent to disclosure by a subject individual.* To the extent permitted by law, the subject may consent in writing to agency disclosure of confidential records as provided in rule 17—19.6(17A,22).

19.11(2) *Complaints to public officials.* A letter from a subject of a confidential record to a public official which seeks the official's intervention on behalf of the subject in a matter that involves the agency, to the extent permitted by law, may be treated as an authorization to release sufficient information about the subject to the official to resolve the matter.

19.11(3) *Obtaining information from a third party.* The agency is required to obtain information to resolve long-term care complaints received by the ombudsman, to provide information on legal assistance issues and to determine that eligibility requirements are met for care review committee members. Requests made to third parties for this information may involve the release of confidential information about individuals. Except as provided in rule 17—19.10(17A,22), the agency may make these requests only when the individual has authorized the release in writing.

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