

**191—58.17(510) Confidential information.**

**58.17(1)** Neither the commissioner nor any person who received documents, materials or other information while acting under the authority of the commissioner shall be permitted or required to testify in any private civil action concerning any confidential documents, materials or information subject to Iowa Code section 510.14.

**58.17(2)** In order to assist in the performance of the commissioner's duties, the commissioner:

*a.* May share documents, materials or other information, including the confidential and privileged documents, materials or information subject to Iowa Code section 510.14, with other state, federal and international regulatory agencies, with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates or subsidiaries and with state, federal and international law enforcement authorities, provided that the recipient agrees to maintain the confidentiality and privileged status of the documents, materials or other information;

*b.* May receive documents, materials or information, including otherwise confidential and privileged documents, materials or information, from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates or subsidiaries, and from regulatory and law enforcement officials of other foreign or domestic jurisdictions, and shall maintain as confidential or privileged any document, material or information received with notice or the understanding that it is confidential or privileged under the laws of the jurisdiction that is the source of the document, material or information; and

*c.* May enter into agreements governing the sharing and use of information consistent with this subrule.

**58.17(3)** No waiver of any applicable privilege or claim of confidentiality in the documents, materials or information shall occur as a result of disclosure to the commissioner under rule 191—58.17(510) or as a result of sharing as authorized in subrule 58.17(2).

**58.17(4)** Nothing in this rule shall prohibit the commissioner from releasing final, adjudicated actions, including for-cause terminations that are open to public inspection pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22 or Iowa Code section 505.8, to a database or other clearinghouse service maintained by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, its affiliates or subsidiaries.

**58.17(5)** In the event the insurer and the third-party administrator cancel their agreement, the third-party administrator may, by written agreement with the insurer, transfer all records to a new third-party administrator rather than retain the records for the five years required under Iowa Code section 510.14. In such cases, the new third-party administrator shall acknowledge, in writing, that it is responsible for retaining the records of the prior third-party administrator as required in Iowa Code section 510.14.

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