

shall be purchased by the brand make and model. All other provisions of chapter 16 relating to competitive bidding shall apply to the above purchases.

Sec. 2. This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 380—H.F.No.462

[Coded]

An act relating to public health; requiring the provision of health record information to certain persons; requiring the transfer of health records under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, by adding a section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, is amended by adding a section to read:

[144.335] HEALTH; ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS. Subdivision 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

(a) "Patient" means a natural person who has received health care services from a provider for treatment of a medical, psychiatric or mental condition, or a person he designates in writing as his representative. Except for minors who have received health care services pursuant to sections 144.341 to 144.347, in the case of a minor, "patient" includes a parent or guardian, or a person acting as a parent or guardian in the absence of a parent or guardian.

(b) "Provider" means (1) any person who furnishes health care services and is licensed to furnish the services pursuant to chapters 147, 148, 150A, 151 or 153; and (2) a health care facility licensed pursuant to chapters 144 or 144A.

Subd. 2. PATIENT ACCESS. Upon request a provider shall supply to a patient complete and current information possessed by that provider concerning any diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of the patient in terms and language the patient can reasonably be expected to understand.

Upon a patient's written request, a provider at a reasonable cost to the patient shall furnish to the patient: (a) copies of the patient's health record, including but not limited to laboratory reports, x-rays, prescriptions, and other technical information used in assessing the patient's health condition; (b) the pertinent portion of the record relating to a specific condition; or (c) a summary of the record.

If a provider, as defined in subdivision 1, clause (b) (1), reasonably determines that
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the information is detrimental to the physical or mental health of the patient, or is likely to cause the patient to harm himself or another, he may withhold the information from the patient. The information may be supplied to an appropriate third party or to another provider, as defined in subdivision 1, clause (b) (1). The provider or third party may release the information to the patient.

Subd. 3. PROVIDER TRANSFERS AND LOANS. A patient's health record, including but not limited to, laboratory reports, x-rays, prescriptions, and other technical information used in assessing the patient's condition, or the pertinent portion of the record relating to a specific condition, or a summary of the record, shall be furnished to another provider upon the written request of the patient. The written request shall specify the name of the provider to whom the health record is to be furnished. The provider who furnishes the health record or summary may retain a copy of the materials furnished. The patient shall be responsible for the reasonable costs of furnishing the information.

Subd. 4. ADDITIONAL PATIENT RIGHTS. The rights set forth in this section are in addition to the rights set forth in sections 144.651 and 144.652 and any other provision of law relating to the access of a patient to his health records.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1977.

CHAPTER 381—H.F.No.522

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to energy; extending the application of the state building code to all cities and counties; clarifying state agency rulemaking regarding the building code subject matter; extending and clarifying the expiration of the Minnesota energy agency; requiring promulgation of certain energy conservation standards; requiring certain energy studies, programs and proposals; revising certain requirements; requiring certain efficiencies for air conditioners; prohibiting certain open flame pilot lights; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 16.84; 16.851; 16.86, Subdivision 4; 16.861, Subdivision 4; 16.866, Subdivision 1; 116H.02, Subdivision 5; 116H.07, Subdivision 1; 116H.12, Subdivisions 5 and 10, and by adding subdivisions; 116H.121; 116H.124; 116H.126; 116H.13, Subdivision 4; 126.111; and Chapter 116H, by adding sections; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 325.811; 325.812; and Laws 1974, Chapter 307, Section 19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 16.84, is amended to read:

16.84 ENERGY; CONSERVATION; DEFINITIONS, STATE BUILDING CODE. Subdivision 1. For the purposes of ~~Laws 1974, Chapter 564 sections 16.83 to 16.867,~~ the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

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