

HB 607 -- Missouri Patient Privacy Act

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This bill establishes the Missouri Patient Privacy Act which prohibits the disclosure of patient-specific health information to any employer, public or private payer, or employee or agent of a state department or agency without the written consent of the patient and health care provider. Health information may be disclosed to a health insurer, employer, state employee or agent of the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan, the Department of Health and Senior Services, or the MO HealthNet Division within the Department of Social Services in connection with the employee's official duties including oversight of state health problems, tracking infectious diseases, administering state wellness initiatives and programs, and researching state medical trends.

The bill does not prohibit disclosure of personal health information consistent with federal law and does not require health care providers to obscure or remove the information when disclosing it.