

Marylanders for Patient Rights

MARYLANDERS FOR PATIENT RIGHTS REQUESTS A FAVORABLE REPORT ON HB316 Confidentiality of Medical Records - Definition of Medical Record

Marylanders for Patient Rights is a leading advocacy group for patients in our state. We strongly support HB316 -- a common sense addition the protection of confidentiality of patient medical records "recorded by a health care provider through written, electronic, or other means."

As electronic communications between patients and providers have become more and more common, extra protections are needed to ensure confidentiality of those communications.

The lack of protection poses a special risk for seniors and vulnerable adults who may assume that electronic communications are safe and inaccessible to others who may have ulterior motives for gaining access.

Please provide a favorable report on HB316, and help to protect all Maryland patients by ensuring confidentiality of their medical records in all forms.

Thank you,

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