

## Chapter H 2

## CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

## H 2.01 Privileged communication

**H 2.01 Privileged communication.** (1) All information relating to "personal facts" obtained by the staff in the conduct of official business shall constitute privileged communications and shall be held confidential and shall not be divulged without the person's consent except as may be necessary to provide services needed by the individual.

(2) *Personal facts* shall be defined as any information ordinarily construed as a part of a medical history and physical examination and positively identifying an individual with such medical data.

(3) This rule shall in no way limit the use of information relating to "personal facts" for summary or statistical purposes or in any form which does not identify the individual; nor shall it prohibit the release of such information without consent of the individual to other recognized agencies, institutions, or individuals as may be necessary to provide services needed by the individual.