



## 1997 SENATE BILL 319

October 15, 1997 - Introduced by Senators WIRCH, SCHULTZ and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives ZIEGELBAUER, OTT, MUSSER, GRONEMUS, TURNER, F. LASEE, GOETSCH, SYKORA, PORTER and WILLIAMS. Referred to Committee on Health, Human Services, Aging, Corrections, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 146.83 (4) (b); and **to create** 146.83 (1m) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** release of patient health care records to the patient's health care  
3             provider.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, no person may conceal or withhold a patient health care record with the intent to prevent its release to the patient, to the patient's guardian or to a person who has the informed consent of the patient.

This bill provides that no person may conceal or withhold a patient health care record with the intent to prevent its release to the patient's health care provider with the informed consent of the patient.

The bill also requires that a copy of a patient's health care records be released without charge to the patient's health care provider upon request with a statement of informed consent.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4             **SECTION 1.** 146.83 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

