
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SOLOBAY, WARD, VANCE, PILEGGI AND BOSCOLA, MARCH 15, 2013

REFERRED TO AGING AND YOUTH, MARCH 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for exchange of information.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 6340.1. Exchange of information.

9 (a) Licensed medical practitioners.--A licensed medical
10 practitioner reporting child abuse or a child in need of
11 protective services shall provide the county agency with the
12 following information:

13 (1) Relevant medical information known to the licensed
14 medical practitioner regarding the child's prior and current
15 health.

16 (2) Information from a subsequent examination.

17 (3) Information regarding treatment of the child.

1 (4) Relevant medical information regarding any other
2 child in the child's household.

3 (b) Parental consent.--Parental consent is not required for
4 the licensed medical practitioner to provide the information
5 under subsection (a).

6 (c) County agency information.--Upon the request of a
7 licensed medical practitioner, the county agency shall provide
8 the licensed medical practitioner with the following:

9 (1) Information regarding the condition and well-being
10 of the child and the progress and outcome of an investigation
11 under this chapter.

12 (2) Protective services records regarding the child and
13 any other child in the child's household if the information
14 relates to the medical evaluation of the child.

15 (3) The identity of other licensed medical practitioners
16 providing medical care to the child to obtain the child's
17 medical records.

18 (d) County agency notification.--Upon initiation of an
19 assessment, investigation or the provision of services by a
20 county agency, the county agency shall notify the licensed
21 medical practitioner who is the child's primary care provider
22 and other licensed medical practitioner who is providing ongoing
23 care to the child of the following information:

24 (1) The reason for the assessment, investigation or
25 provision of protective services to the child.

26 (2) A service plan developed for the child and the
27 child's family.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.