

Communications and Disclosure of Information(76-20)
Disclosure of Information to Health Practitioners
Monitoring Program(76-20.05)

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Policy Name	Disclosure of Information to Health Practitioners Monitoring Program			Policy Number	76-20.05
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	Information				
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Purpose:

To ensure the appropriate exchange of information from the Department and health regulatory boards to the Health Practitioners'Monitoring Program (HPMP).

Policy:

It is the policy of the Department to provide information concerning a person's potential eligibility for acceptance in HPMP in order to facilitate the program's operation and mandate to deal with impaired practitioners.

Authority:

Section 54.1-2400.2(A 6) of the Code of Virginia

§ 54.1-2400.2. Confidentiality of information obtained during an investigation or disciplinary proceeding; penalty.

A. Any reports, information or records received and maintained by the Department of Health Professions or any health regulatory board in connection with possible disciplinary proceedings, including any material received or developed by a board during an investigation or proceeding, shall be strictly confidential. The Department of Health Professions or a board may only disclose such confidential information:

6. To the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program within the Department of Health Professions in connection with health practitioners who apply to or participate in the Program.

Procedures:

A. Responsibility of the Enforcement Division:



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To provide investigative information to the HPMP Program Manager in accordance with Section 54.1-2400.2 (A 6) at the time the investigative report is presented to the appropriate board.
B. Responsibility of the HPMP Program Manager:
The HPMP Program Manager will send the investigative report summary via encrypted email to the contractor.
C. Responsibilities of Board Executives
1. Whenever a notice of any proceeding is issued which alleges that a practitioner may be impaired as defined in §54.1-2515 of the <i>Code</i> , a copy of that notice shall be provided to the HPMP Program Manager, who then sends a copy to the contractor for the HPMP.
2. Any order (including consent orders) which finds impairment or any decision document issued subsequent to a notice described above shall be transmitted to the HPMP Program Manager, who then sends a copy to the contractor for the HPMP.