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Parents and guardians.

For the purpose of this part, a parent or guardian of any minor or the legal guardian or any individual who has been declared incompetent due to physical or mental incapacity or age by a court of competent jurisdiction is authorized to act on behalf of an individual or a subject individual. Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of §5b.5 of this part governing procedures for verifying an individual’s identity, and paragraph (c)(2) of §5b.6 of this part governing special procedures for notification of or access to a minor’s medical records, an individual authorized to act on behalf of a minor or legal incompetent will be viewed as if he were the individual or subject individual.

§ 5b.11 Exempt systems.

(a) General policy. The Act permits certain types of specific systems of records to be exempt from some of its requirements. It is the policy of the Department to exercise authority to exempt systems of records only in compelling cases.

(b) Specific systems of records exempted.

(1) Those systems of records listed in paragraph (b)(2) of this section are exempt from the following provisions of the Act and this part:

(i) 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3) and paragraph (c)(2) of §5b.9 of this part which require a subject individual to be granted access to an accounting of disclosures of a record.

(ii) 5 U.S.C. 552a(d) (1) through (4) and (f) and §§5b.6, 5b.7, and 5b.8 of this part relating to notification of or access to records and correction or amendment of records.

(iii) 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4) (G) and (H) which require inclusion of information about Department procedures for notification, access, and correction or amendment of records in the notice for the systems of records.

(iv) 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(3) and paragraph (a)(3) of §5b.4 of this part which require that an individual asked to provide a record to the Department be informed of the authority for providing the record (including whether the providing of the record is mandatory or voluntary, the principal purposes for maintaining the record, the routine uses for the record, and what effect his refusal to provide the record may have on him), and if the record is not required by statute or Executive Order to be provided by the individual, he agrees to provide the record. This exemption applies only to an investigatory record compiled by the Department for criminal law enforcement purposes in a system of records exempt under subsection (j)(2) of the Act to the extent that these requirements would prejudice the conduct of the investigation.

(2) The following systems of records are exempt from those provisions of the Act and this part listed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section:

(A) Pursuant to subsection (j)(2) of the Act:

(A) The Saint Elizabeths Hospital’s Court-Ordered Forensic Investigatory Materials Files; and

(B) The Investigatory Material Compiled for Law Enforcement Purposes System, HHS.
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(i) Pursuant to subsection (k)(2) of the Act:
   (A) The General Criminal Investigation Files, HHS/SSA;
   (B) The Criminal Investigations File, HHS/SSA; and,
   (C) The Program Integrity Case Files, HHS/SSA.
   (D) Civil and Administrative Investigative Files of the Inspector General, HHS/OS/OIG.
   (E) Complaint Files and Log, HHS/OS/OCR.
   (F) Investigative materials compiled for law enforcement purposes for the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB), of the Office of Inspector General. (See §61.15 of this title for access and correction rights under the HIPDB by subjects of the Data Bank.)
   (G) Investigative materials compiled for law enforcement purposes for the Program Information Management System, HHS/OS/OCR.
   (H) Investigative materials compiled for law enforcement purposes from the CMS Fraud Investigation Database (FID), HHS/CMS.
   (I) Investigative materials compiled for law enforcement purposes from the Automated Survey Processing Environment (ASVPN) Complaints/ Incidents Tracking System (ACTS), HHS/CMS.
   (J) Investigative materials compiled for law enforcement purposes from the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Information Tracking System (HTS), HHS/CMS.
   (K) Investigative materials compiled for law enforcement purposes from the Organ Procurement Organizations System (OPOS), HHS/CMS.
   (ii) Pursuant to subsection (k)(4) of the Act:
   (A) The Health and Demographic Surveys Conduct in Random Samples of the U.S. Population;
   (B) The Health Manpower Inventories and Surveys;
   (C) The Vital Statistics for Births, Deaths, Fetal Deaths, Marriages and Divorces Occurring in the U.S. during Each Year; and,
   (D) The Maryland Psychiatric Case Register.
   (E) The Health Resources Utilization Statistics, DHHS/OASH/NCHS.
   (F) National Medical Expenditure Survey Records, HHS/OASH/NCHSR.
   (iv) Pursuant to subsection (k)(5) of the Act:
   (A) The Investigatory Material Compiled for Security and Suitability Purposes System, HHS; and,
   (B) The Suitability for Employment Records, HHS.
   (v) Pursuant to subsections (j)(2), (k)(2), and (k)(5) of the Act:
   (A) The Clinical Investigatory Records, HHS/FDA;
   (B) The Regulated Industry Employee Enforcement Records, HHS/FDA;
   (C) The Employee Conduct Investigative Records, HHS/FDA; and,
   (D) The Service Contractor Employee Investigative Records, HHS/FDA.
   (vi) Pursuant to subsection (k)(6) of the Act:
   (A) The Personnel Research and Merit Promotion Test Records, HHS/SSA/OMA.
   (vii) Pursuant to subsections (k)(2) and (k)(5) of the Act:
   (A) Public Health Service Records Related to Investigations of Scientific Misconduct, HHS/OASH/ORI.
   (B) Administration: Investigative Records, HHS/NIH/OM/OA/OMA.
   (c) Notification of or access to records in exempt systems of records. (1) Where a system of records is exempt as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, any individual may nonetheless request notification of or access to a record in that system. An individual shall make requests for notification of or access to a record in an exempt system of records in accordance with the procedures of §§5b.5 and 5b.6 of this part.
   (2) An individual will be granted notification of or access to a record in an exempt system but only to the extent such notification or access would not reveal the identity of a source who furnished the record to the Department under an express promise, and prior to September 27, 1975 an implied promise, that his identity would be held in confidence, if:
      (i) The record is in a system of records which is exempt under subsection (k)(2) of the Act and the individual has been, as a result of the maintenance of the record, denied a
§ 5b.12 Contractors.

(a) All contracts entered into on or after September 27, 1975 which require a contractor to maintain or on behalf of the Department to maintain, a system of records to accomplish a Department function must contain a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the Act and this part.

(b) All unexpired contracts entered into prior to September 27, 1975 which require the contractor to maintain or on behalf of the Department to maintain, a system of records to accomplish a Department function will be amended as soon as practicable to include a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the Act and this part. All such contracts must be so amended by July 1, 1976 unless for good cause the appeal authority identified in §5b.8 of this part authorizes the continuation of the contract without amendment beyond that date.

(c) A contractor and any employee of such contractor shall be considered employees of the Department only for the purposes of the criminal penalties of the Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(i), and the employee standards of conduct listed in appendix A of this part where the contract contains a provision requiring the contractor to comply with the Act and this part.

(d) This section does not apply to systems of records maintained by a contractor as a result of his management discretion, e.g., the contractor’s personnel records.

§ 5b.13 Fees.

(a) Policy. Where applicable, fees for copying records will be charged in accordance with the schedule set forth in this section. Fees may only be charged where an individual requests that a copy be made of the record to which he is granted access. No fee may be charged for making a search of the system of records whether the search is manual, mechanical, or electronic. Where a copy of the record must be made in order to provide access to the record (e.g., computer printout where no screen reading is available), the copy will be made available to the individual without cost. Where a medical record is made available to a representative designated by the individual or to a physician or health professional designated by a parent or guardian under §5b.6 of this part, no fee will be charged.

(b) Fee schedule. The fee schedule for the Department is as follows:

(1) Copying of records susceptible to photocopying—$0.10 per page.

(2) Copying records not susceptible to photocopying (e.g., punch cards or magnetic tapes)—at actual cost to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

(3) No charge will be made if the total amount of copying does not exceed $25.