

CITY OF CHICAGO

RULES



ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS FOLLOWING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE EXPOSURES

UNDER 2-112 -270(c)

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CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Mayor Rahm Emanuel

Commissioner Julie Morita, M.D.

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PURSUANT TO 2-112-270(c) THE FOLLOWING RULES REGARDING **ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS FOLLOWING HAZARDOUS EXPOSURES** ARE ADOPTED HEREIN.

By Order of the Commissioner:

Signed: 

Commissioner Julie Morita, M.D.

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City of Chicago
New Board of Health Regulation
Re: Access to Medical Records Following Hazardous Substance Exposures

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby enacts the following rule:

To protect the City from the presence of hazardous substances, any **substance or material (pure or mixture) that has the potential to harm the health of people and/or the environment**, released into the environment pursuant to MCC 2-112-270(c), all required reporters, including but not limited to laboratories, hospitals, and private physicians, upon oral or written request, provided that any oral request shall be subsequently confirmed in writing, must make available to the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH), **within 24 hours** access to any medical information that may assist the CDPH in conducting public health investigations related to potentially affected individuals and contacts of affected individuals, as deemed necessary by the CDPH, who have been or may have been exposed as a result of a specific incident to one or more hazardous substances including, but not limited to the following: lead, cadmium, arsenic, inorganic arsenic, mercury, and chemical pesticides.

The Board delegates to the Commissioner the authority to add to or refine the medical access information requirement, as it relates to follow-up, treatment, case management, and other necessary public health activities of individuals exposed or potentially exposed to any hazardous substances.

This regulation is effective as of August 30, 2003.

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