AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Walsh, Ajello, Blazejewski, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: February 28, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Lieutenant Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5-37.3 of the General Laws entitled "Confidentiality of Health Care Communications and Information Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

5-37.3-12. Patient's rights. -- Pursuant to this chapter, a patient or authorized representative shall have the following rights:

(1) To obtain a copy of the patient's confidential healthcare information and communications relating thereto and such copy shall be provided to the patient within ten (10) business days of the request and shall be provided, without cost to the patient, in either hard copy or in electronic form as requested by the patient;

(2) To obtain a copy of the disclosure report pertaining to the patient's confidential healthcare information;

(3) To be notified as required by chapter 49-2 of title 11, the Rhode Island identity theft protection act, of a breach of the security system safeguarding the confidentiality of the patients healthcare information and communications related thereto; and

(4) To request to amend the patient's information through the provider.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would enumerate additional patient’s rights with regards to their confidential healthcare information.

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