



CHAPTER 122C
ARTICLE 3 - CLIENTS' RIGHTS AND ADVANCE INSTRUCTION

N.C.G.S. § 122C-52.

Right to confidentiality.

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- § 122C-52(a)

Except as provided in G.S. 132-5 and G.S. 122C-31(h), confidential information acquired in attending or treating a client is not a public record under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- § 122C-52(b)

Except as authorized by G.S. 122C-53 through G.S. 122C-56, no individual having access to confidential information may disclose this information, provided, however, a HIPAA covered entity or business associate receiving confidential information that has been disclosed pursuant to G.S. 122C-53 through G.S. 122C-56 may use and disclose such information as permitted or required under 45 Code of Federal Regulations Part 164, Subpart E.
- § 122C-52(c)

Except as provided by G.S. 122C-53 through G.S. 122C-56, each client has the right that no confidential information acquired be disclosed by the facility.
- § 122C-52(d)

No provision of G.S. 122C-205 and G.S. 122C-53 through G.S. 122C-56 permitting disclosure of confidential information may apply to the records of a client when federal statutes or regulations applicable to that client prohibit the disclosure of this information.
- § 122C-52(e)

Except as required or permitted by law, disclosure of confidential information to someone not authorized to receive the information is a Class 3 misdemeanor and is punishable only by a fine, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

APPARATUS I
19 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1955	c. 887, s. 12	ENACTED
02	1963	c. 1166, s. 10	AMENDED
03	1965	c. 800, s. 4	AMENDED
04	1973	c. 47, s. 2	AMENDED
05	1973	c. 476, s. 133	AMENDED
06	1973	c. 673, s. 5	AMENDED
07	1973	c. 1408, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1979	c. 147	AMENDED
09	1983	c. 383, s. 10	AMENDED
10	1983	c. 491	AMENDED
11	1983	c. 638, s. 22	AMENDED
12	1983	c. 864, s. 4	AMENDED
13	1985	c. 589, s. 2	AMENDED
14	1985	1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 863, s. 11	AMENDED
15	1987	c. 749, s. 2	AMENDED
16	1993	c. 539, s. 920	AMENDED
17	1994	Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c)	AMENDED
18	2009	S.L. 2009-299, s. 5	AMENDED
19	2011	S.L. 2011-314, s. 2(a)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
5 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 132-5	(a)	"Except as provided in"
G.S. 122C-31(h)	(a)	"as provided in G.S. 132-5 and"
G.S. 122C-53	(b)	"Except as authorized by"
G.S. 122C-56	(b)	"as authorized by G.S. 122C-53 through"
G.S. 122C-205	(d)	"No provision of"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 122C-52 (2011).

PINPOINT

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 122C-52(a) (2011).

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