

Title 10 – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Subtitle 41

**Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers
and Speech-Language Pathologists**

Chapter 10 Compelling Purpose Disclosure

.01 Scope.

A. This chapter permits the Board to disclose investigative information to other agencies or other entities, or both, under certain circumstances.

B. A custodian may disclose information in a certification, licensing, or investigative file if the custodian determines that a compelling public purpose exists to warrant disclosure.

.02 Disclosure for Compelling Public Purpose.

A custodian may find that a compelling public purpose warrants disclosure of information in a certification, licensing, or investigative file, regardless of whether there has been a request for the information, if the information concerns:

A. Possible criminal activity and is disclosed to a federal, state, or local law enforcement or prosecutorial official or authority;

B. A possible violation of law and is disclosed to a federal, state, or local regulatory authority that has jurisdiction over the individual whose conduct may be a violation, and the information disclosed is limited to information relevant to the possible violation by that individual; or

C. Conduct by an individual which the Board reasonably believes may pose a risk to the public health, safety, or welfare, and is disclosed to a law enforcement authority, administrative official, or agency which regulates the individual, or to a hospital or other health care facility where the individual has privileges.

.03 Other Disclosures.

This chapter does not prevent or limit the ability of the Board to disclose general licensing information as provided in State Government Article, §10-617(h), Annotated Code of Maryland, or any information which the Board may otherwise disclose by law.