

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 25, 2019

Introduced by Sen. KAMINSKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to permitting grand jury inspection of medical records pursuant to subpoena duces tecum powers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of rule 3122 of the civil
2 practice law and rules, as added by chapter 307 of the laws of 2011, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. A medical provider served with a subpoena duces tecum, other than a
5 trial subpoena issued by a court or a subpoena issued by a grand jury,
6 requesting the production of a patient's medical records pursuant to
7 this rule need not respond or object to the subpoena if the subpoena is
8 not accompanied by a written authorization by the patient. Any subpoena
9 served upon a medical provider requesting the medical records of a
10 patient shall state in conspicuous bold-faced type that the records
11 shall not be provided unless (i) the subpoena is accompanied by a writ-
12 ten authorization by the patient, ~~[or]~~ (ii) the court has issued the
13 subpoena or otherwise directed the production of the documents, or (iii)
14 the grand jury has issued the subpoena or otherwise directed the
15 production of the documents.

16 § 2. Section 4504 of the civil practice law and rules is amended by
17 adding a new subdivision (b-1) to read as follows:

18 (b-1) Crime committed against patient; generally. A physician,
19 dentist, podiatrist, chiropractor, nurse, as well as the entities and
20 organizations included in subdivision (a) of this section, shall be
21 required to disclose information in response to a trial subpoena issued
22 by a court or a subpoena issued by a grand jury and subscribed by a
23 magistrate from the court which empaneled said grand jury.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 § 3. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
2 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
3 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
4 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
5 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
6 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
7 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
8 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
9 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

10 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
11 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.