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His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the [Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002](#).

JILLIAN SKINNER, MP Minister for Health

1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the [Health Records and Information Privacy Regulation 2012](#).

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 September 2012 and is required to be published on the NSW legislation website.

Note—

This Regulation replaces the [Health Records and Information Privacy Regulation 2006](#) which is repealed on 1 September 2012 by section 10 (2) of the [Subordinate Legislation Act 1989](#).

3 Definitions

(1) In this Regulation:

accredited chaplain, in relation to a public hospital or health institution, means a person:

- (a) who has been accredited for the purposes of providing chaplaincy services in the hospital or institution by the chief executive of a public health organisation that is responsible for controlling that hospital or institution, and
- (b) whose accreditation has not been revoked.

chief executive, in relation to a public health organisation, has the same meaning as in the [Health Services Act 1997](#).

health institution, **public health organisation** and **public hospital** have the same meanings as in the [Health Services Act 1997](#).

Ministry means the Ministry of Health.

the Act means the [Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002](#).

- (2) A reference in this Regulation to a hospital or health institution controlled by a public health organisation includes a reference to a hospital or health institution that is conducted by or on behalf of such an organisation.

Note—

Clause 2 of Part 2 of the Dictionary to the [Health Services Act 1997](#) contains a similar provision in relation to references in that Act to hospitals, health institutions and services controlled by a public health organisation or other body or person.

- (3) Notes included in this Regulation do not form part of this Regulation.

4 Definition of “health service”

For the purposes of paragraph (l) of the definition of **health service** in section 4 (1) of the Act, the following are prescribed:

- (a) the services provided by an accredited chaplain in a public hospital or a health institution controlled by a public health organisation,
- (b) research services conducted by or on behalf of one or more of the following:
 - (i) the Ministry,
 - (ii) the Health Administration Corporation,
 - (iii) a public health organisation or public hospital,
 - (iv) the Cancer Institute (NSW),
- (c) research services conducted pursuant to an agreement with an organisation referred to in paragraph (b) (i)–(iv).

5 Health information may be used or disclosed for purpose of chaplaincy services

For the purposes of clauses 10 (1) (k) and 11 (1) (l) of Schedule 1 to the Act, an organisation may use or disclose health information for a secondary purpose if:

- (a) the organisation is a public health organisation, and
- (b) the secondary purpose is the service of an accredited chaplain in a public hospital or health institution that is controlled by the organisation, and
- (c) in the case of a disclosure—the person to whom the disclosure is made is an accredited chaplain for the hospital or institution, and
- (d) the individual to whom the health information relates would reasonably expect the organisation to use or disclose the information for the secondary purpose.

6 Health information may be used or disclosed for purpose of Health Practitioner Regulation National Law

- (1) For the purposes of clauses 10 (1) (k) and 11 (1) (l) of Schedule 1 to the Act, an organisation may use or disclose health information for a secondary purpose if:
- (a) the organisation has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person has or may have engaged in conduct that may be unsatisfactory professional performance, professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, and
 - (b) the organisation uses or discloses the information as a necessary part of an investigation of the matter by, or in reporting concerns to, relevant persons or authorities (including a National Board or an investigator appointed under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law by a National Board).
- (2) In this clause:

Health Practitioner Regulation National Law means the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force from time to time, as set out in the Schedule to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* of Queensland and as applied by a participating jurisdiction (within the meaning of that law) other than New South Wales.

National Board has the same meaning as it has in the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law.

7 Certain public sector agencies to be treated as a single agency

The following public sector agencies are to be treated as a single agency for the purposes of all of the Health Privacy Principles and any health privacy codes of practice:

- (a) the Ministry,
- (b) the Health Administration Corporation,
- (c) local health districts (within the meaning of the [Health Services Act 1997](#)),
- (d) statutory health corporations (within the meaning of the [Health Services Act 1997](#)),
- (e) the Cancer Institute (NSW).

8 Savings

Any act, matter or thing that, immediately before the repeal of the [Health Records and Information Privacy Regulation 2006](#), had effect under that Regulation continues to have effect under this Regulation.