

Summary of the MHDO Bill-

“An Act to Amend Laws relating to Health Care Data”

- Amends existing State law and allows for the release of Personal Health Information (PHI) by conforming to the restrictions in HIPAA (*Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*)- Federal law 45 CFR 160.103.
- Covered Entities are the only entities that have access to PHI for treatment, payment and operations and public health studies.
- PHI shall be limited to only that which is necessary for the stated purpose.
- Data releases shall be governed by Data Use Agreements that provide adequate privacy and security measures.
- There shall be provisions for follow-up to make sure data is used as specified and that no PHI is publically revealed, including rules for data suppression.
- Release of PHI (other than a limited data set) shall require MHDO board approval.