



# Access to Medical Reports Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 28

### **4 Access to reports before they are supplied.**

- (1) An individual who gives his consent under section 3 above to the making of an application shall be entitled, when giving his consent, to state that he wishes to have access to the report to be supplied in response to the application before it is so supplied; and, if he does so, the applicant shall—
  - (a) notify the medical practitioner of that fact at the time when the application is made, and
  - (b) at the same time notify the individual of the making of the application;and each such notification shall contain a statement of the effect of subsection (2) below.
- (2) Where a medical practitioner is notified by the applicant under subsection (1) above that the individual in question wishes to have access to the report before it is supplied, the practitioner shall not supply the report unless—
  - (a) he has given the individual access to it and any requirements of section 5 below have been complied with, or
  - (b) the period of 21 days beginning with the date of the making of the application has elapsed without his having received any communication from the individual concerning arrangements for the individual to have access to it.
- (3) Where a medical practitioner—
  - (a) receives an application for a medical report to be supplied for employment or insurance purposes without being notified by the applicant as mentioned in subsection (1) above, but
  - (b) before supplying the report receives a notification from the individual that he wishes to have access to the report before it is supplied,the practitioner shall not supply the report unless—
  - (i) he has given the individual access to it and any requirements of section 5 below have been complied with, or
  - (ii) the period of 21 days beginning with the date of that notification has elapsed without his having received (either with that notification or otherwise)

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any communication from the individual concerning arrangements for the individual to have access to it.

(4) References in this section and section 5 below to giving an individual access to a medical report are references to—

- (a) making the report or a copy of it available for his inspection; or
- (b) supplying him with a copy of it;

and where a copy is supplied at the request, or otherwise with the consent, of the individual the practitioner may charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs of supplying it.

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