**Section 340.1840 Confidentiality of Resident's Records**

a) All information contained in a resident's record, including any information contained in an automated data bank, shall be considered confidential. The facility shall permit the appropriate State and federal agencies (such as Illinois Departments of Public Aid, Public Health, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and State and federal Department of Veterans' Affairs) to have access to resident records.

b) The facility shall develop and implement written policies governing access to, duplication of, and dissemination of information from medical records.

c) The facility shall obtain written consent of the resident, or the resident's guardian, prior to any release of any resident record information to persons not authorized to receive the information.