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## **An Act To Facilitate the Maine Quality Forum**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6903, sub-§13-A** is enacted to read:

**13-A. Practitioner-specific quality data.** "Practitioner-specific quality data" means material in electronic or paper format that provides information about the professional performance of a health care practitioner licensed to provide health care in the State. "Practitioner-specific quality data" includes, but is not limited to, records, reports, working papers, drafts, analyses, e-mail, interoffice and intraoffice memoranda and other data collected, used, produced or maintained by the Maine Quality Forum, established in section 6951, for the purposes of measuring a health care practitioner's professional performance against consensus best practices and local and national patterns of health care.

**Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §6907, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 2003, c. 469, Pt. A, §8, is amended to read:

Except as provided in subsections 1 and 2 and 3, information obtained by Dirigo Health under this chapter is a public record within the meaning of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.

**Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §6907, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3. Practitioner-specific quality data.** The confidentiality of practitioner-specific quality data is determined according to this subsection.

A. Practitioner-specific quality data is confidential and may not be disclosed by the Maine Quality Forum prior to a determination of accuracy and completeness made under paragraph B.

B. Practitioner-specific quality data is not confidential after a determination of its accuracy and completeness is made by the Director of the Maine Quality Forum or a designee.