

**EXCEPTION TO PROCEDURES FOR SEALING OF MEDICAL/EDUCATION
RECORDS IN CASES CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND
PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

On August 23rd, 2022, the District Courts and County Courts at Law of Brazoria County, Texas issued *Procedures in All County and District Courts Sealing of Medical/Educational Records* (the "Procedures"). The Procedures authorize the sealing of medical, psychiatric, psychological, mental health, and competency records prior to issuance of a formal sealing order. The 300th and 461st District Courts of Brazoria County, Texas have determined an exception to the Procedures is warranted in cases in which the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (the "Department") is a party.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that in all cases in the 300th and 461st District Courts of Brazoria County, Texas in which the Department is a party, each party in such case shall be permitted access to documents subject to the Procedures prior to issuance of a formal sealing order. The Brazoria County District Clerk and the Brazoria County Clerk shall permit the parties in such cases to review and request copies of, including certified copies, the documents subject to the Procedures prior to issuance of a formal sealing order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties provided access to documents under this Order must maintain the confidentiality of the documents and prevent disclosure of information to a person who is not authorized to receive the information.

ADOPTED and Signed 23 day of May, 2023.



CHAD BRADSHAW, Judge
300th Judicial District Court



PATRICK BULANEK, Judge
461st Judicial District Court

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