

Court Rules that Documents Ordered Produced Under "Patient's Right to Know" Amendment ("Amendment 7") are not Admissible at Trial

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The Honorable Judge Jeffrey M. Fleming granted Osceola Regional Medical Center's motion *in limine* for documents produced under Article X, section 25 of the Florida Constitution ("Amendment 7" or "Patient's Right to Know" Amendment) in: *Grafal/Sinclair v. Osceola Regional Medical Center*, et al., Case No. 09 CA 1526 (Fla. 9th Cir. Ct. February 9, 2011). In its order, the Court ruled that Amendment 7 does not affect the Florida statutes that prohibit the admissibility of peer review, risk management and quality assurance records. *See* §§ 395.0193(8), 395.0197(4), and 766.106(5), Fla. Stat. Thus, to the extent that Amendment 7 renders certain records of adverse medical incidents discoverable, the amendment does not permit these records to be admitted in a court of law. After the Court's ruled on this issue, Plaintiffs filed an extensive motion for reconsideration, which was also denied. Read the Court's Order here.

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