



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4778.17 Reporting impairment; liability.

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A genetic counselor, professional association or society of genetic counselors, physician, or professional association or society of physicians that believes a violation of division (B)(5) or (6) of section 4778.14 of the Revised Code has occurred shall report the information upon which the belief is based to the monitoring organization conducting the program established under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code. If any such report is made to the state medical board, it shall be referred to the monitoring organization unless the board is aware that the individual who is the subject of the report does not meet the program eligibility requirements of section 4731.252 of the Revised Code.

An individual or entity that reports to the board, reports to the monitoring organization described in section 4731.25 of the Revised Code, or refers an impaired genetic counselor to a treatment provider approved under section 4731.251 of the Revised Code shall not be subject to suit for civil damages as a result of the report, referral, or provision of the information.

In the absence of fraud or bad faith, a professional association or society of genetic counselors that sponsors a committee or program to provide peer assistance to a genetic counselor with substance abuse problems, a representative or agent of such a committee or program, a representative or agent of the monitoring organization described in section 4731.25 of the Revised Code, and a member of the state medical board shall not be held liable in damages to any person by reason of actions taken to refer a genetic counselor to a treatment provider approved under section 4731.251 of the Revised Code for examination or treatment.
