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Chapter 230 clarifies that under Minnesota law, mental health information can be disclosed in health and safety emergencies consistent with the requirements of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under 2009 changes made to FERPA regulations, postsecondary institutions may determine that a health and safety emergency exists and may disclose health information to persons whose knowledge of the situation is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student or others. FERPA includes parents of students in the appropriate persons for disclosing information of a health or safety emergency.