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Public Act 92-0228

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AN ACT concerning civil procedure.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by changing Sections 8-2001, 8-2003, and 8-2004, changing the heading of Part 20 of Article VIII, and adding Sections 8-2005 and 8-2006 as follows:

(735 ILCS 5/Art. 8, Part 20 heading)
Part 20. Inspection of ~~Hospital~~ Records

(735 ILCS 5/8-2001) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2001)
(Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7,
which has been held unconstitutional)

Sec. 8-2001. Examination of records. Every private and public hospital shall, upon the request of any patient who has been treated in such hospital and after his or her discharge therefrom, permit the patient, his or her physician or authorized attorney to examine the hospital records, including but not limited to the history, bedside notes, charts, pictures and plates, kept in connection with the treatment of such patient, and permit copies of such records to be made by him or her or his or her physician or authorized attorney. A request for copies examination of the records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the administrator of such hospital. The hospital shall be reimbursed by the person requesting copies of records at the time of such copying for all reasonable expenses, including the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by the hospital in connection with such copying not to exceed a \$20 handling charge for processing the request for copies, and 75 cents per page for the first through 25th pages, 50 cents per page for the 26th through 50th pages, and 25 cents per page for all pages in excess of 50 (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1.25 per page for any copies made from microfiche or microfilm), and actual shipping costs. These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The hospital may, however, charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record material or information that cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine such as x-ray films or pictures.

The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied

within 60 days of the receipt of a request by a patient, for his or her physician, authorized attorney, or own person.

Failure to comply with the time limit requirement of this Section shall subject the denying party to expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any court ordered enforcement of the provisions of this Section. (Source: P.A. 84-7.)

(735 ILCS 5/8-2003) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2003)

(Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7, which has been held unconstitutional)

Sec. 8-2003. ~~Physician's~~ Records of physicians and other health care practitioners. In this Section, "practitioner" means any health care practitioner other than a physician, clinical psychologist, or clinical social worker.

Every physician and practitioner shall, upon the request of any patient who has been treated by such physician or practitioner, permit such patient's physician, practitioner, or authorized attorney to examine and copy the patient's records, including but not limited to those relating to the diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, history, charts, pictures and plates, kept in connection with the treatment of such patient. Such request for examining and copying of the records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to such physician or practitioner. Such written request shall be complied with by the physician or practitioner within a reasonable time after receipt by him or her at his or her office or any other place designated by him or her. The physician or practitioner shall be reimbursed by the person requesting such records at the time of such ~~examination or~~ copying, for all reasonable expenses, including the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by the physician or practitioner in connection with such ~~examination or~~ copying not to exceed a \$20 handling charge for processing the request for copies, and 75 cents per page for the first through 25th pages, 50 cents per page for the 26th through 50th pages, and 25 cents per page for all pages in excess of 50 (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1.25 per page for any copies made from microfiche or microfilm), and actual shipping costs. These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The physician or other practitioner may, however, charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record material or information that cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine such as x-ray films or pictures.

The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied within 60 days of the receipt of a request by a patient ~~or~~ his or her physician, practitioner, or authorized attorney.

Failure to comply with the time limit requirement of this Section shall subject the denying party to expenses and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any court ordered enforcement of the provisions of this Section. (Source: P.A. 84-7.)

(735 ILCS 5/8-2004) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2004)

(Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7, which has been held unconstitutional)

Sec. 8-2004. Records of clinical psychologists and clinical social workers. Except where the clinical psychologist or clinical social worker consents, records of a clinical psychologist or clinical social worker regulated in this State, relating to psychological services or social work services, shall not be examined or copied by a patient,

unless otherwise ordered by the court for good cause shown. For the purpose of obtaining records, the patient or his or her authorized agent may apply to the circuit court of the county in which the patient resides or the county in which the clinical psychologist or clinical social worker resides. The clinical psychologist or clinical social worker shall be reimbursed by the person requesting the records at the time of the ~~examination or~~ copying, for all reasonable expenses, including the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by the clinical psychologist or clinical social worker in connection with the ~~examination or~~ copying, not to exceed a \$20 handling charge for processing the request for copies, and 75 cents per page for the first through 25th pages, 50 cents per page for the 26th through 50th pages, and 25 cents per page for all pages in excess of 50 (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1.25 per page for any copies made from microfiche or microfilm), and actual shipping costs. These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The clinical psychologist or clinical social worker may, however, charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record material or information that cannot routinely be copied or duplicated or a standard commercial photocopy machine such as pictures. (Source: P.A. 87-530.)

(735 ILCS 5/8-2005 new)

Sec. 8-2005. Attorney's records. This Section applies only if a client and his or her authorized attorney have complied with all applicable legal requirements regarding examination and copying of client files, including but not limited to satisfaction of expenses and attorney retaining liens.

Upon the request of a client, an attorney shall permit the client's authorized attorney to examine and copy the records kept by the attorney in connection with the representation of the client, with the exception of attorney work product. The request for examination and copying of the records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the attorney. Within a reasonable time after the attorney receives the written request, the attorney shall comply with the written request at his or her office or any other place designated by him or her. At the time of copying, the person requesting the records shall reimburse the attorney for all reasonable expenses, including the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by the attorney in connection with the copying not to exceed a \$20 handling charge for processing the request for copies, and 75 cents per page for the first through 25th pages, 50 cents per page for the 26th through 50th pages, and 25 cents per page for all pages in excess of 50 (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1.25 per page for any copies made from microfiche or microfilm), and actual shipping costs. These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The attorney may, however, charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record material or information that cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine such as pictures.

An attorney shall satisfy the requirements of this Section within 60 days after he or she receives a request from a client or his or her authorized attorney. An attorney who fails to comply with the time limit requirement of this Section shall be required to pay expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in connection with any court-ordered

enforcement of the requirements of this Section.

(735 ILCS 5/8-2006 new)

Sec. 8-2006. Copying fees; adjustment for inflation. Beginning in 2003, every January 20, the copying fee limits established in Sections 8-2001, 8-2003, 8-2004, and 8-2005 shall automatically be increased or decreased, as applicable, by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the consumer price index-u during the preceding 12-month calendar year. "Consumer price index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that measures the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each annual adjustment shall be determined by the Comptroller and made available to the public on January 20 of every year.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 30 days after becoming law.

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