

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 POLICY COMMITTEE  
4 RECOMMENDATION  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 SENATE BILL NO. 423

By: Rader of the Senate

and

7 Caldwell (Chad) of the  
8 House

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12 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

13 An Act relating to medical records; amending 76 O.S.  
14 2021, Section 19, which relates to access to medical  
15 records; modifying applicability of certain  
16 provisions; eliminating certain duties of health care  
17 providers; authorizing imposition of certain fees;  
18 modifying certain fee limits; and providing an  
19 effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 76 O.S. 2021, Section 19, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 19. A. 1. Any person who is or has been a patient of  
24 a ~~doctor, hospital or other medical institution~~ health care provider

1 or health care facility, or such person's personal representative,  
2 shall, as provided under 45 C.F.R., Section 164.502, be entitled,  
3 upon request, to obtain access to the information contained in the  
4 patient's medical records including any x-ray or other photograph or  
5 image, pathology slide, or the patient's medical bills.

6 2. Disclosure of the information described in paragraph 1 of  
7 this subsection regarding a deceased patient shall require either a  
8 court order or a written release of an executor, administrator, or  
9 personal representative appointed by the court, or if there is no  
10 such appointment, by the spouse of the patient or, if none, by any  
11 responsible family member of the ~~family of the patient~~. As used in  
12 this paragraph, "responsible family member" shall mean the parent,  
13 adult child, adult sibling, or other adult relative who was actively  
14 involved in providing care to or monitoring the care of the patient  
15 as verified by the ~~doctor, hospital or other medical institution~~  
16 health care provider or health care facility responsible for the  
17 care and treatment of such person.

18 ~~2. Any person who is or has been a patient of a doctor,~~  
19 ~~hospital or other medical institution shall be furnished copies of~~  
20 ~~all medical records including any x-ray, other photograph or image,~~  
21 ~~pathology slide or all medical bills pertaining to that person's~~  
22 ~~case upon request and upon the tender of the expenses enumerated in~~  
23 ~~this paragraph. The cost of each copy to such person or to the~~  
24 ~~personal representative, spouse or responsible family member of such~~

1 ~~person, not including any x-ray or other photograph or image or~~  
2 ~~pathology slide, shall be fifty cents (\$0.50) for each page.~~

3 3. A health care provider or health care facility may impose a  
4 reasonable, cost-based fee when patients or their personal  
5 representatives request copies of medical records; provided, that  
6 the fee includes only the cost of applicable expenses listed in 42  
7 C.F.R., Section 164.524(c) (4).

8 4. Requests for medical records and medical bills from, or  
9 directed to, attorneys, insurance companies, other third parties,  
10 and by way of subpoena shall be charged a base fee of ~~Twenty Dollars~~  
11 ~~(\$20.00)~~ Twenty-three Dollars (\$23.00) in addition to ~~the~~ a per page  
12 ~~charges required pursuant to this section~~ fee of:

13 a. sixty-seven cents (\$0.67) for paper copies, plus  
14 postage or delivery fee, or

15 b. forty cents (\$0.40) for electronic copies.

16 The base fee shall be charged regardless of whether any records  
17 related to the request are located. A fee of Fifteen Dollars  
18 (\$15.00) shall be charged if a certification or an affidavit by the  
19 provider regarding the authenticity of the medical records or bills  
20 is requested. ~~The physician, hospital or other medical~~  
21 ~~professionals and institutions, or their business associates as the~~  
22 ~~term is defined in Section 160.103 of Title 45 of the United States~~  
23 ~~Code of Federal Regulations shall produce the records in digital~~  
24 ~~form at the rate of thirty cents (\$0.30) per page if:~~

- 1           a. ~~the entire request can be reproduced from an~~  
2            ~~electronic health record system,~~  
3           b. ~~the records are specifically requested to be delivered~~  
4            ~~in electronic format, and~~  
5           c. ~~the records can be delivered electronically.~~

6 ~~If a provider or business associate transmits the records~~  
7 ~~electronically, no postage shall be charged but a delivery charge~~  
8 ~~shall apply. In no event shall a charge for the reproduction of~~  
9 ~~electronically stored and delivered medical records pursuant to this~~  
10 ~~paragraph exceed ~~Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)~~ Two Hundred Seventy~~  
11 ~~Dollars (\$270.00) plus postage or delivery fee. The cost of each~~  
12 ~~printed x-ray, other photograph, or image to such person or to the~~  
13 ~~legal representative of such person shall be Fifteen Dollars~~  
14 ~~(\$15.00). If the x-ray, other photograph, or image is provided on a~~  
15 ~~CD/DVD or other electronic media, the fee shall be ~~Twenty Dollars~~~~  
16 ~~~~(\$20.00)~~ Twenty-three Dollars (\$23.00) per CD/DVD or other~~  
17 ~~electronic media. ~~The physician, hospital, or other medical~~~~  
18 ~~~~professionals and institutions, or their business associates as the~~~~  
19 ~~~~term is defined in Section 160.103 of Title 45 of the United States~~~~  
20 ~~~~Code of Federal Regulations, shall not charge a person who requests~~~~  
21 ~~~~their own record a fee for searching, retrieving, reviewing, and~~~~  
22 ~~~~preparing medical records of the person. No mailing fee shall be~~~~  
23 ~~~~charged for copies provided by facsimile. All requests for medical~~~~  
24 ~~~~records made pursuant to this subsection shall be subject to the~~~~

1 ~~fees described in this section regardless of where the copies or~~  
2 ~~electronic versions of such records are actually produced.~~

3 ~~3.~~ 5. The provisions of ~~paragraphs 1 and 2~~ of this subsection  
4 shall not apply to:

5 a. psychological, psychiatric, mental health, or  
6 substance abuse treatment records. In the case of  
7 psychological, psychiatric, mental health, or  
8 substance abuse treatment records, access to  
9 information contained in the records shall be obtained  
10 pursuant to Section 1-109 of Title 43A of the Oklahoma  
11 Statutes.

12 ~~4.~~ ~~The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this subsection~~  
13 ~~shall not apply to,~~ and

14 b. requests for medical records made by the Disability  
15 Determination Division of the State Department of  
16 Rehabilitation Services. The fee for such requests  
17 shall be at a rate allowed by the Social Security  
18 Administration.

19 B. 1. In cases involving a claim for personal injury or death  
20 against any practitioner of the healing arts or a licensed hospital,  
21 or a nursing facility ~~or nursing home~~ licensed pursuant to Section  
22 1-1903 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes arising out of patient  
23 care, where any person has placed the physical or mental condition  
24 of that person in issue by the commencement of any action,

1 proceeding, or suit for damages, or where any person has placed in  
2 issue the physical or mental condition of any other person or  
3 deceased person by or through whom the person rightfully claims,  
4 that person shall be deemed to waive any privilege granted by law  
5 concerning any communication made to a physician or health care  
6 provider with reference to any physical or mental condition or any  
7 knowledge obtained by the physician or health care provider by  
8 personal examination of the patient; provided that, before any  
9 communication, medical or hospital record, or testimony is admitted  
10 in evidence in any proceeding, it must be material and relevant to  
11 an issue therein, according to existing rules of evidence.

12 Psychological, psychiatric, mental health, and substance abuse  
13 treatment records and information from psychological, psychiatric,  
14 mental health, and substance abuse treatment practitioners may only  
15 be obtained provided the requirements of Section 1-109 of Title 43A  
16 of the Oklahoma Statutes are met.

17 2. Any person who obtains any document pursuant to the  
18 provisions of this section shall provide copies of the document to  
19 any opposing party in the proceeding upon payment of the expense of  
20 copying the document pursuant to the provisions of this section.

21 C. This section shall not apply to the records of an inmate in  
22 a correctional institution when the correctional institution  
23 believes the release of such information to be a threat to the  
24 safety or security of the inmate or the institution.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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