

1 AN ACT concerning medical records.

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

4 Section 5. The Hospital Licensing Act is amended by
5 adding Section 6.14e as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 85/6.14e new)

7 Sec. 6.14e. Inspection of records. Upon the written
8 request of a hospitalized patient, the hospital shall make
9 available for review to the patient or his or her designees,
10 on a daily basis, all hospital records concerning the patient
11 including, but not limited to, the history, bedside notes,
12 charts, and pictures and plates.

13 Section 10. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by
14 changing Section 8-2001 as follows:

15 (735 ILCS 5/8-2001) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2001)

16 Sec. 8-2001. Examination of records. Every private and
17 public hospital shall, upon the request of any patient who
18 has been treated in such hospital and after his or her
19 discharge therefrom, permit the patient, his or her physician
20 or authorized attorney to examine the hospital records,
21 including but not limited to the history, bedside notes,
22 charts, pictures and plates, kept in connection with the
23 treatment of such patient, and permit copies of such records
24 to be made by him or her or his or her physician or
25 authorized attorney. A request for copies of the records
26 shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the
27 administrator of such hospital. The hospital shall be
28 reimbursed by the person requesting copies of records at the
29 time of such copying for all reasonable expenses, including

1 the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by
2 the hospital in connection with such copying not to exceed a
3 \$20 handling charge for processing the request for copies,
4 and 75 cents per page for the first through 25th pages, 50
5 cents per page for the 26th through 50th pages, and 25 cents
6 per page for all pages in excess of 50 (except that the
7 charge shall not exceed \$1.25 per page for any copies made
8 from microfiche or microfilm), and actual shipping costs.
9 These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in
10 Section 8-2006. The hospital may, however, charge for the
11 reasonable cost of all duplication of record material or
12 information that cannot routinely be copied or duplicated on
13 a standard commercial photocopy machine such as x-ray films
14 or pictures.

15 Every private and public hospital, upon the request of
16 any patient who is hospitalized in the private or public
17 hospital, shall make available for review to the patient or
18 his or her designee, on a daily basis, all hospital records
19 concerning the patient including, but not limited to, the
20 history, bedside notes, charts, and pictures and plates. A
21 request for the records shall be made in writing.

22 The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied
23 within 60 days of the receipt of a request by a patient, for
24 his or her physician, authorized attorney, or own person.

25 Failure to comply with the time limit requirement of this
26 Section shall subject the denying party to expenses and
27 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any
28 court ordered enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

29 (Source: P.A. 84-7; 92-228, eff. 9-1-01.)

30 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
31 becoming law.