



Subject Prohibition on fees for copies of medical records

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## **Overview**

Under current law a provider may charge a patient a per-page fee and a retrieval fee to provide the patient with a copy of the patient's medical record. This bill clarifies a provision that prohibits providers from charging fees to patients who are appealing a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security disability benefits and meet certain other requirements.

## **Summary**

## Section Description

## 1 **Cost.**

Amends § 144.292, subd. 6. Clarifies an existing prohibition on charging fees to certain patients for copies of medical records, to specify a provider must not charge a per-page fee, retrieval fee, or any other fee for copies of medical records needed to appeal a denial of Social Security disability income or Social Security disability benefits when the patient is receiving public assistance, represented by an attorney on behalf of a civil legal services program, or represented by a volunteer attorney based on indigency. Specifies documentation the patient or representative must provide to verify the patient is eligible to obtain medical records without charge.

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