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Medical Records Policy

Our office policy for obtaining and releasing medical records and/or x-rays is listed below. The policy is followed strictly due to the Health Insurance and Portability Act passed by US Congress in 1996.

Any time medical records are released or sent out of the office a medical release form **MUST** be completed and signed by the patient. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Medical records will be prepared within 3-5 business days after the release is signed. Original medical records and films will not leave the office. Copies will be provided at a reasonable fee which is listed below.

Florida State Statute 21M-26.003:

Reasonable cost for copying charge is defined as \$1.00 each for the first 25 pages and \$0.25 each for every copy exceeding 25.

Florida State Statute 69L-7.601: (Worker's Compensation Patients Only)

The health care provider or health care facility furnishing the medical records may charge for duplication of records up to \$0.50 per page or the actual direct cost to the health care provider or health care facility for x-rays, microfilm, or other non-paper related records.

Medical Record Duplication Fees*

Patient Request	\$1.00 per page up to 25 pages, \$0.25 each page thereafter
Work Comp Patient	\$0.50 per page
Storage Retrieval	\$10.00 (All records from 2001-2007 require storage retrieval fee)
Postage	Varies by weight and size

***No fee if Medical Records are sent to a physician's office.**

Diagnostic Imaging Duplication Fees

Plain x-ray films	\$10.00 per page
Storage Retrieval	\$10.00 (All x-rays from 2002-2006 require storage retrieval fee)
Postage	Varies by weight and size

*There is a fee for all x-ray copies regardless if requested by patient or a third party