

disclosures of certain medical records; requiring certain health care providers to disclose certain medical records under certain circumstances if the health care provider receives certain assurances from certain parties or certain counsel, certain proof of a certain waiver, or certain copies of certain orders entered by a court and certain copies of certain subpoenas, summonses, warrants, or court orders, a certain section of a certain article of the Annotated Code, and certain notices to certain individuals in a certain form within a certain time; repealing a certain requirement for a certain disclosure of certain medical records; and generally relating to the compulsory process and authorized disclosures of medical records.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section ~~4-304(e)~~, 4-306(b)(6), and 4-307(k)(1)(v) through (vii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health – General**

~~4-304.~~

~~(e) (1) (i) In this subsection, “medical record” includes a copy of a medical bill that has been requested by an individual.~~

~~(ii) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to x-rays.~~

~~(2) A health care provider may require a person in interest or any other authorized person who requests a copy of a medical record to pay the cost of copying:~~

~~(i) For State facilities regulated by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, as provided in § 10-621 of the State Government Article; or~~

~~(ii) For all other health care providers, the reasonable cost of providing the information requested.~~

~~(3) (i) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this subsection, for a copy of a medical record requested by a person in interest or any other authorized person under paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection, a health care provider may charge a fee for copying and mailing not exceeding 50 cents for each page of the medical record.~~

~~(ii) In addition to the fee charged under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, a hospital or a health care provider may charge:~~

~~1. A preparation fee not to exceed \$15 for medical record retrieval and preparation; and~~

~~2. The actual cost for postage and handling of the medical record.~~