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## **ODH Increases Fees For Copying a Medical Record in 2015**

ODH has recently increased the maximum limits on the amount that a health care provider or medical records company can charge in connection with providing a copy of a medical records. These 2015 rates are based on a 1.62% increase in the Consumer Price Index.

### **Patient Copying Costs**

If the request for a medical record is made by a patient or the patient's personal representative, the total cost for copies may not exceed:

\$3.07 per page for first 10 pages  
\$0.64 per page for pages 11-50  
\$0.26 per page for pages 51 and higher  
\$2.10 per page with respect to data resulting from an X-ray, MRI, or CAT scan, recorded on paper or film  
+ Actual cost of postage

### **Copy Charges Other Than for the Patient**

If the request for a medical record is made by someone other than the patient or patient's representative, the total cost for copies may not exceed:

\$18.91 Initial fee (to compensate for the records search)  
\$1.24 per page for first 10 pages  
\$0.64 per page for pages 11-50  
\$0.26 per page for pages 51 and higher  
\$2.10 per page with respect to data resulting from an X-ray, MRI, or CAT scan, recorded on paper or film  
+ Actual cost of postage

### **Entities Entitled to a Free Copy of the Medical Record**

A health care provider must provide one copy of the patient's medical record without charge to:

- Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
- Ohio Industrial Commission
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Ohio Attorney General
- Patient, patient's representative, or authorized person to support certain social security claims

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