

Medical Record Fees 2016

The Texas Department of State Health Services licenses and regulates the operation of general and special hospitals in accordance with Chapter 241 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

In accordance with Health and Safety Code, §241.154(e), the fee effective as of October 2014, for providing a patient's health care information has been decreased by 0.3% from the 2014 rate to reflect the most recent changes to the consumer price index that measures the average changes in prices of goods and services purchased by urban wage earners and clerical workers as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

Health and Safety Code, §241.154(b) - (d) Provisions:

(b) Except as provided by subsection (d), the hospital or its agent may charge a reasonable fee for providing the health care information except payment information and is not required to permit the examination, copying, or release of the information requested until the fee is paid unless there is a medical emergency. The fee may not exceed the sum of:

Service per Page	Fees
Retrieval & Processing, includes Pages 1-10	\$45.74
Pages 11-60	\$1.54
Pages 61-400	\$0.76
Pages 401 and Up	\$0.41
Shipping	Varies by actual cost of shipping
Affidavit	\$1.00
Written responses to a set of questions	\$10.00 per set

(d) A hospital may not charge a fee for:

- (1) providing health care information under subsection (b) to the extent the fee is prohibited under Health and Safety Code, Chapter 161, Subchapter M;
- (2) a patient to examine the patient's own health care information;
- (3) providing an itemized statement of billed services to a patient or third-party payer, except as provided under Health and Safety Code, §311.002(f); or
- (4) health care information relating to treatment or hospitalization for which workers' compensation benefits are being sought, except to the extent permitted under Labor Code, Chapter 408.

The statute referenced in this notice may be found on the Internet at:

Health and Safety Code, <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us?link=HS>