



## Release of Information Guidelines

What You Need to Know About Requesting Copies of Medical Records

### THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH THE AUTHORIZATION

1. The authorization must be:
  - a. Completed in full
  - b. Completed in black or blue ink
  - c. Addressed to ZÖe Pediatrics
  - d. Signed by the patient if:
    - i. The patient's age today is 19 years or older -OR
    - ii. The patient is an Emancipated Minor (married, divorced or born a child)
      - Females under the age of 19 years who are pregnant or who have born a child can authorize the release of medical records of their child.
  - e. Signed by either of the patient's parents or the patient's legal guardian if the patient is under the age of 19 years. **A copy of the parent's driver's license is required.**  
*\*\*If the requesting parent's name is not in the child's record, a copy of the birth certificate must be presented to establish parental relationship. \*\**
2. As allowed by Federal and State regulations, reproductions fees for copies of medical records may be required as applicable; ZÖe Pediatrics invoice will accompany the copies of medical records.  
**\*Patients are not charged a search/retrieval fee.**
3. Upon receipt of a completed, valid authorization, copies of medical records may be expected within 5-7 business days. (Not to exceed 30 Days)
  - i. Question or follow-up calls regarding the status of requests may be directed to ZOe Pediatrics, Medical Records staff at 706-938-0990.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A §31-33-3, effective July 1, of each year, the costs related to medical record retrieval, certification and copy may be adjusted in accordance with the medical component of the consumer price index.

Accordingly, the rates effective July 1, 2022, are as follows:

#### **Copying Costs for Records in Paper Form**

- Per page for pages 1-20: \$0.97
- Per page for pages 21-100: \$0.83
- Per page for pages over 100: \$0.66

#### **Certification Fee**

- Up to Per Record: \$9.70

#### **Copying Costs for Records in Electronic Format**

- Flat fee of \$6.50 per request

**However**, the fee limitation set forth in 45 CFR §164.524(c)(4) applies only to individuals' requests for access to their own PHI and does not apply to an individual's request to transmit PHI to a third party.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read the above and have no further questions about the information listed.

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Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature      Date

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Patient Signature if 19 or older

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Witness Signature for Patient/Parent/  
Legal Guardian      Date