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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 150

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO RECEIVE THEIR MEDICAL  
9 RECORDS IN EITHER PAPER OR DIGITAL FORMATS; TO  
10 ESTABLISH A FEE FOR DIGITAL MEDICAL RECORDS; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 MEDICAL RECORDS IN EITHER PAPER OR  
17 DIGITAL FORMATS; AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE  
18 FOR DIGITAL MEDICAL RECORDS.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-46-106(a)(2), concerning the formats for  
24 patient access to medical records, is amended to read as follows:

25 (2)(A) At the patient's election, a patient may receive his or  
26 her medical records in paper form or electronic form.

27 (B)(i) ~~Cost~~ If the patient elects to receive his or her  
28 medical records in paper form, the cost of each photocopy, excluding X rays,  
29 shall not exceed fifty cents (+50¢) per page for the first twenty-five (25)  
30 pages and twenty-five cents (+25¢) for each additional page.

31 (ii) A labor charge not exceeding fifteen dollars  
32 (\$15.00) may be added for each request for medical records under subdivision  
33 (a)(1) of this section, and the actual cost of any required postage may also  
34 be charged.

35 (C) If the patient elects to receive his or her medical  
36 records in electronic form, the doctor, hospital, ambulance provider, medical



health care provider, or other medical institution shall deliver the medical records in common electronic form, and the cost of the medical records shall not exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) including a disc, drive, or other physical device by which the medical records may be delivered.

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