

Prior law provided procedures for obtaining medical records. Provided a graduated cost scale per page of medical records requested and a separate cost for digital format.

New law requires written notice of a violation of prior law to be provided to the provider of medical records via the contact information provided by the health care provider or its agent, or if no contact information is provided, to the custodian of medical records of the health care provider. Further assesses a civil penalty of \$500 per violation plus attorney fees and costs at the court's discretion if the provider fails to comply within 15 days.

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(Adds R.S. 40:1299.96(A)(2)(b)(iii))