

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in rules of evidence,
3 further providing for limit on charges.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 6152.1(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6152.1. Limit on charges.

9 (a) Charges.--

10 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 6152(c)
11 (relating to subpoena of records) and except as provided in
12 paragraph (3), a health care provider or facility [shall] may
13 not charge more than a flat fee of \$19 for the expense of
14 reproducing medical charts or records, plus the actual cost
15 of postage, shipping or delivery, if the charts or records
16 are requested for the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal
17 under any provision of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620,
18 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.) or any Federal or State financial

1 needs-based benefit program. The fee provided for in this
2 subsection shall be adjusted annually by the Secretary of
3 Health of the Commonwealth, as provided for in section
4 6152(a)(2)(i).

5 (2) No independent or executive agency of the
6 Commonwealth shall be required to pay any search or retrieval
7 fee, copying cost or other cost related to medical charts or
8 records under this section unless otherwise required by law,
9 regulation or agreed to by the agency in guidelines,
10 statements of policy or by publication of notice in the
11 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

12 (3) A health care provider or facility may not charge
13 any fee to a veteran of the United States Armed Forces for
14 the expense of reproducing medical charts or records or for
15 the cost of postage, shipping or delivery regarding the
16 charts or records, if the charts or records are requested for
17 the purpose of supporting a claim or appeal under any
18 provision of the Social Security Act or any Federal or State
19 financial needs-based benefit program.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.