

1 AN ACT concerning civil procedure.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by  
5 changing Sections 8-2001, 8-2003, and 8-2004, changing the  
6 heading of Part 20 of Article VIII, and adding Sections  
7 8-2005 and 8-2006 as follows:

8 (735 ILCS 5/Art. 8, Part 20 heading)

9 Part 20. Inspection of ~~Hospital~~ Records

10 (735 ILCS 5/8-2001) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2001)

11 (Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7,  
12 which has been held unconstitutional)

13 Sec. 8-2001. Examination of records. Every private and  
14 public hospital shall, upon the request of any patient who  
15 has been treated in such hospital and after his or her  
16 discharge therefrom, permit the patient, his or her physician  
17 or authorized attorney to examine the hospital records,  
18 including but not limited to the history, bedside notes,  
19 charts, pictures and plates, kept in connection with the  
20 treatment of such patient, and permit copies of such records  
21 to be made by him or her or his or her physician or  
22 authorized attorney. A request for copies examination of the  
23 records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the  
24 administrator of such hospital. The hospital shall be  
25 reimbursed by the person requesting copies of records at the  
26 time of such copying for all reasonable expenses, including  
27 the costs of independent copy service companies, incurred by  
28 the hospital in connection with such copying not to exceed a  
29 \$25 handling charge for processing the request for copies and  
30 37 cents per page (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1

1 per page for any copies made from microfiche or microfilm),  
2 and actual shipping costs. These rates shall be  
3 automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The  
4 hospital may, however, charge for the reasonable cost of all  
5 duplication of record material or information that cannot  
6 routinely be copied or duplicated on a standard commercial  
7 photocopy machine such as x-ray films or pictures.

8 The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied  
9 within 60 days of the receipt of a request by a patient, for  
10 his or her physician, authorized attorney, or own person.

11 Failure to comply with the time limit requirement of this  
12 Section shall subject the denying party to expenses and  
13 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any  
14 court ordered enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

15 (Source: P.A. 84-7.)

16 (735 ILCS 5/8-2003) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2003)

17 (Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7,  
18 which has been held unconstitutional)

19 Sec. 8-2003. Physieian's Records of physicians and other  
20 health care practitioners. In this Section, "practitioner"  
21 means any health care practitioner other than a physician,  
22 clinical psychologist, or clinical social worker.

23 Every physician and practitioner shall, upon the request  
24 of any patient who has been treated by such physician or  
25 practitioner, permit such patient's physician, practitioner,  
26 or authorized attorney to examine and copy the patient's  
27 records, including but not limited to those relating to the  
28 diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, history, charts, pictures  
29 and plates, kept in connection with the treatment of such  
30 patient. Such request for examining and copying of the  
31 records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to such  
32 physician or practitioner. Such written request shall be  
33 complied with by the physician or practitioner within a

1 reasonable time after receipt by him or her at his or her  
 2 office or any other place designated by him or her. The  
 3 physician or practitioner shall be reimbursed by the person  
 4 requesting such records at the time of such examination--or  
 5 copying, for all reasonable expenses, including the costs of  
 6 independent copy service companies, incurred by the physician  
 7 or practitioner in connection with such examination--or  
 8 copying not to exceed a \$25 handling charge for processing  
 9 the request for copies, and 37 cents per page (except that  
 10 the charge shall not exceed \$1 per page for any copies made  
 11 from microfiche or microfilm), and actual shipping costs.  
 12 These rates shall be automatically adjusted as set forth in  
 13 Section 8-2006. The physician or other practitioner may,  
 14 however, charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of  
 15 record material or information that cannot routinely be  
 16 copied or duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy  
 17 machine such as x-ray films or pictures.

18 The requirements of this Section shall be satisfied  
 19 within 60 days of the receipt of a request by a patient or  
 20 his or her physician, practitioner, or authorized attorney.

21 Failure to comply with the time limit requirement of this  
 22 Section shall subject the denying party to expenses and  
 23 reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with any  
 24 court ordered enforcement of the provisions of this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 84-7.)

26 (735 ILCS 5/8-2004) (from Ch. 110, par. 8-2004)

27 (Text of Section WITHOUT the changes made by P.A. 89-7,  
 28 which has been held unconstitutional)

29 Sec. 8-2004. Records of clinical psychologists and  
 30 clinical social workers. Except where the clinical  
 31 psychologist or clinical social worker consents, records of a  
 32 clinical psychologist or clinical social worker regulated in  
 33 this State, relating to psychological services or social work

1 services, shall not be examined or copied by a patient,  
2 unless otherwise ordered by the court for good cause shown.  
3 For the purpose of obtaining records, the patient or his or  
4 her authorized agent may apply to the circuit court of the  
5 county in which the patient resides or the county in which  
6 the clinical psychologist or clinical social worker resides.  
7 The clinical psychologist or clinical social worker shall be  
8 reimbursed by the person requesting the records at the time  
9 of the examination-~~or~~ copying, for all reasonable expenses,  
10 including the costs of independent copy service companies,  
11 incurred by the clinical psychologist or clinical social  
12 worker in connection with the examination-~~or~~ copying, not to  
13 exceed a \$25 handling charge for processing the request for  
14 copies, and 37 cents per page (except that the charge shall  
15 not exceed \$1 per page for any copies made from microfiche or  
16 microfilm), and actual shipping costs. These rates shall be  
17 automatically adjusted as set forth in Section 8-2006. The  
18 clinical psychologist or clinical social worker may, however,  
19 charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record  
20 material or information that cannot routinely be copied or  
21 duplicated or a standard commercial photocopy machine such as  
22 pictures.

23 (Source: P.A. 87-530.)

24 (735 ILCS 5/8-2005 new)

25 Sec. 8-2005. Attorney's records. This Section applies  
26 only if a client and his or her authorized attorney have  
27 complied with all applicable legal requirements regarding  
28 examination and copying of client files, including but not  
29 limited to satisfaction of expenses and attorney retaining  
30 liens.

31 Upon the request of a client, an attorney shall permit  
32 the client's authorized attorney to examine and copy the  
33 records kept by the attorney in connection with the

1 representation of the client, with the exception of attorney  
2 work product. The request for examination and copying of the  
3 records shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the  
4 attorney. Within a reasonable time after the attorney  
5 receives the written request, the attorney shall comply with  
6 the written request at his or her office or any other place  
7 designated by him or her. At the time of copying, the person  
8 requesting the records shall reimburse the attorney for all  
9 reasonable expenses, including the costs of independent copy  
10 service companies, incurred by the attorney in connection  
11 with the copying not to exceed a \$25 handling charge for  
12 processing the request for copies, and 37 cents per page  
13 (except that the charge shall not exceed \$1 per page for any  
14 copies made from microfiche or microfilm), and actual  
15 shipping costs. These rates shall be automatically adjusted  
16 as set forth in Section 8-2006. The attorney may, however,  
17 charge for the reasonable cost of all duplication of record  
18 material or information that cannot routinely be copied or  
19 duplicated on a standard commercial photocopy machine such as  
20 pictures.

21 An attorney shall satisfy the requirements of this  
22 Section within 60 days after he or she receives a request  
23 from a client or his or her authorized attorney. An attorney  
24 who fails to comply with the time limit requirement of this  
25 Section shall be required to pay expenses and reasonable  
26 attorney's fees incurred in connection with any court-ordered  
27 enforcement of the requirements of this Section.

28 (735 ILCS 5/8-2006 new)

29 Sec. 8-2006. Copying fees; adjustment for inflation.  
30 Beginning in 2003, every January 20, the copying fee limits  
31 established in Sections 8-2001, 8-2003, 8-2004, and 8-2005  
32 shall automatically be increased or decreased, as applicable,  
33 by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the

1 consumer price index-u during the preceding 12-month calendar  
2 year. "Consumer price index-u" means the index published by  
3 the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States  
4 Department of Labor that measures the average change in  
5 prices of goods and services purchased by all urban  
6 consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 =  
7 100. The new amount resulting from each annual adjustment  
8 shall be determined by the Comptroller and made available to  
9 the public on January 20 of every year.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect 30  
11 days after becoming law.