

HOUSE BILL 1882

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 34;  
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to medical records.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 34-6-206, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a health care provider shall provide to the attorney in fact a copy of the principal's medical records within ten (10) working days of receipt of a written request by the attorney in fact or principal. The health care provider may provide a summary of the principal's medical records, at the option of the health care provider, but the provision of a summary does not satisfy the attorney in fact's or principal's right to receive, or serve as a substitute for, a full medical record under this subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-2-101(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting:

(1) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a health care provider shall provide to a patient or a patient's authorized representative a copy of such patient's medical records within ten (10) working days of receipt of a written request by the patient or the patient's authorized representative. The health care provider may provide a summary of such patient's medical records, at the option of the health care provider, but the provision of a summary does not satisfy the patient's or representative's right to receive, or serve as a substitute for, a full medical record under this subdivision (a)(1).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1809, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following new subsections:

(b) A health care provider shall provide to a patient or a patient's authorized representative a copy of such patient's medical records within ten (10) working days of receipt of a written request by the patient or the patient's authorized representative. The health care provider may provide a summary of such patient's medical records, at the option of the health care provider, but the provision of a summary does not satisfy the patient's or representative's right to receive, or serve as a substitute for, a full medical record under this subsection (b).

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.