

When You Need Copies of Medical Records...

NCF is very sensitive to patient needs for copies of their medical records. The State of Virginia regulates the response times and fees to patients for copying records. The federal government regulates privacy concerns involved in copying.

NCF has contracted with Sharecare HDS to service medical records requests. We do not copy records in our office. If you need copies of medical records, please follow these steps.

1. Authorization form: The law requires patients to authorize copying in writing by specifying what is to be sent and the recipient. Your authorization is good for one year.

Please complete the authorization form provided with this information sheet. By law you may not request copies of the records of another adult, even a family member, unless you have a proper medical power of attorney. We accept faxed authorization forms at 703-876-0258. Blank forms are available at www.neurologycenteroffairfax.com

Please specify the records you need, based on the choices on the authorization. If you are sending records to another doctor, Sharecare HDS already knows what to send.

2. Costs: Virginia law defines fees that are charged to you, based on the number of pages to be copied. **You pay these costs in advance directly to Sharecare HDS.** There are multiple ways to pay these charges, as noted on the invoice you receive from Sharecare HDS. Copying fees apply in all cases except the following: (1) if an NCF physician refers you to another doctor and (2) if another doctor sends a proper request that you have authorized. (The last two office visits and the most recent test results will be sent at no charge.) Fees apply to all requests for full copies of records.

Please remember that copying fees are payable to Sharecare HDS in advance. Sharecare HDS will send you an invoice. (You can also speed up the process by prepaying your fees with a credit card when you call 877-270-4365. The best day to call customer service is the Friday or Monday following your request.)

Medical record copying fees are defined in [Code of VA. §8.01-413](#). Call Sharecare HDS for further information.

3. Response Times: Virginia law provides 30 days to respond to copying requests, with a 30 day extension if justified. Most requests are fulfilled in less time, once the fees are paid. Please do not expect the copying to be done while you wait, except in a medical emergency. Longer response times occur when the records you request are in long term storage.

4. Service: Call Sharecare HDS customer care at 877-270-4365 if you have any questions or problems.