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## What YOU Need To Know

- Why Chiropractic Associations Like PCA Make a Difference: The Texas Supreme Court Ruling
- Amendments to Charges for Medical Records - Effective Jan. 1, 2021
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### Why Chiropractic Associations Like PCA Make a Difference: The Texas Supreme Court Ruling

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Just over ten years ago I was searching for options to complete my first round of continuing education. As a new doctor in Pennsylvania, the PCA was the first option I looked into, but I ultimately decided to go with a different service based on cost and what I believed was the best offer.

As a new associate doctor, money is tight and one does not have the same financial advantages as being the business owner,

rarely accruing enough expenses to equate to a tax deduction. With student loan payments beginning to be paid back monthly, CE credits needed to be obtained at the lowest cost possible. I did not see the financial advantage to paying a membership fee to gain access to continuing education then with another cost.

I am still an associate doctor, and my bottom dollar is just as important to me. I did eventually join the PCA and became active on the executive team. This decision has been an eye opening and humbling experience.

For ten years, I was going to work every day just to maintain my livelihood, not knowing what goes on behind the scenes of our profession just to make it possible for me to practice and do the job that I love.

State Associations relentlessly fight for our profession daily. The recent Supreme Court decision in Texas is just one example of the power a state association has. Fourteen years ago, the Texas Chiropractic Association began to fight the Texas Medical Association after the scope of practice was restricted. Only with strength in numbers was this lengthy battle won.

All chiropractors must respect that there is a political aspect that looms over the profession. A battle that can only be won by banding together.

State associations fight the daily battles so that chiropractors may care for patients and do what they love. Whether the doctor is a practice owner or an associate, the PCA provides the benefit of knowing we will be allowed to practice tomorrow.

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TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION



**PCA Membership Application**

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Non-Members - There is Strength

in Numbers

# Medical Records fees have been updated for 2021

Under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 6152, 6152.1, and 6155 (relating to subpoena of records; limit on charges; and rights of patients), a health care provider or facility is allowed to charge a fee in response to a request for medical charts or records. The Secretary of Health ("Secretary"), under 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 6152 and 6152.1, is directed to adjust annually the amounts which may be charged by the health care provider or facility.

The Secretary is directed to base these adjustments on the most recent changes in the Consumer Price Index reported annually by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. For the annual period of October 31, 2019, through October 31, 2020, the Consumer Price Index was 1.2%.

Accordingly, effective January 1, 2021, the following fees may be charged by a health care facility or health care provider in response to a request for production of medical charts or records:

<i>Amount charged per page for:</i>	<i>Not to Exceed</i>
Pages 1 -20	\$1.60
Pages 21 - 60	\$1.19
Pages 61 - end	\$ .41
Microfilm copies	\$2.36
* Search and retrieval of records (cannot be charged if requestor is requesting their own personal health record)	\$23.73
<i>Flat fees (providers may not charge the above search and retrieval fee in addition to a flat fee)</i>	
Production of records to support any claim under Social Security or any Federal or State financial needs-based program;	\$30.08
Supplying records requested by a district attorney	\$23.73

The previously listed fees shall apply for paper copies or reproductions on electronic media whether the records are stored on paper or in electronic format.

In addition to the amounts listed previously, charges may also be assessed for the actual cost of postage, shipping and delivery of the requested records.

The Department is not authorized to enforce these charges.

The above charges, however, are subject to exceptions which can be viewed on the PA Dept of Health Website.

[To view the entire Amendments to Charges of Medical Records Click Here](#)



# 2021 CONTINUING EDUCATION

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	<u><i>Seminar Title</i></u>	<u><i>Speaker/Sponsor</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>CE</i></u>
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>				
1	HIPAA Investigations: How to manage and how to prevent	Dr. Ty Talcott	WEBINAR	1
3	ACBRT Prep Course- DC's & Staff	Dr. Victor Rizzo	State College	8
14	Professional Boundaries & Human Trafficking	Dr. Mario Fucinari	WEBINAR-NYCC	2
21	The Impact of Opioid Abuse on Special Populations	Dr. Kristina Petrocco-Napuli	WEBINAR-NYCC	2
28	Social Injustice in Healthcare; It's not my Problem	Dr. Tom Ventimiglia	WEBINAR-NYCC	2
<b><u>MAY</u></b>				
1	Common Chiropractic Practice Triggers	Dr. Stu Hoffman	Kalahari	4
20	HIPAA and Cybersecurity 2021 From the Latest Washington DC Symposium	Dr. Ty Talcott	WEBINAR	1
27	What are Your Claim forms Revealing	Brandy Brimhall	WEBINAR	1
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>				
5	Extremity Series: Foot and Ankle	Dr. Mitch Mally	Pittsburgh	12
5	Evaluation and Treatment of Headaches	Dr. Jonathan Lesch	WEBINAR	3
15	Business Ethics for the Chiropractor	Dr. Michelle Turk	WEBINAR	1
<b><u>JULY</u></b>				
10	Immunonutrition in the COVID era and beyond	Dr. David Seaman	WEBINAR	6
15	Coding for Unproven Procedures	Brandy Brimhall	WEBINAR	1
24	Top 3 Postural Distortions and How to Correct Them	Dr. Donald DeFabio	Phila/KOP	6
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>				
14	What the Patient doesn't Expect When Expecting and How You Can Help	Dr. Brandie Nemchenko	Phila/KOP	6
21-22	Patient Management, Documentation, and Coding Post-COVID	Dr. Mario Fucinari	State College	12
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>				
<b>PCA 2021 Annual Convention October 1-3, The Penn Stater, State College, PA (14 CE)</b>				
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>				
6	ACBRT Prep Course-DC's & Staff	Dr. Victor Rizzo	Harrisburg	8

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