

REGARDING AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF X-RAY FILMS

Please read and sign this form.

In the event your X-rays need to be released to another health care provider or facility our office is glad to help you by releasing your x-ray films for review proposes. We will handle the transmittal of these films for you.

1. According to Section 1795 of the California Health and Safety Code, the patient or legal representative of minor child, has the right to require a health care provider to release original x-ray films on a **loan basis** to a requesting health care provider within 15 days of a written request.
2. According to the law, the patient, alone, owns the information rights contained in these films; however, the health care provider who took or ordered the films remains the owner of the physical property of the films and must retain these films for a minimum of seven years. Any fees paid for these films do not include the property rights.
3. X-ray films are released on loan for 30 days and must be returned to this office immediately thereafter.
4. X-ray films may not be released to another party. If the patient requests the films forwarded elsewhere, they must be returned to the provider first. The provider will transmit the films to the requesting party upon another signed authorization from the patient or their legal representative.
5. If the patient requests to have the films duplicated for their own permanent records, the patient agrees to pay the duplication costs in advance.
6. Once the original films have left the original provider's custody the provider is not responsible for the films and their return.
7. Once the original films have left the original provider's custody and control, there is risk that they may no longer be admissible as evidence in legal proceedings. Proper maintenance and authenticity can be challenged in a court of law. Therefore, the patient assumes all risks and releases the provider from all liabilities incidental to the provider's good faith in honoring the patient's request.

Signature of patient or legal representative

Date