

WAC 388-107-0580 Resident records—Maintenance and retention.

(1) In cases where the enhanced services facility maintains records by computer rather than hard copy, the facility must:

- (a) Have in place safeguards to prevent unauthorized access; and
- (b) Provide for reconstruction of information.

(2) The enhanced services facility must:

(a) Maintain all documentation filed in the resident record for five years after the date the resident leaves the enhanced services facility;

(b) In the event of a change of ownership, provide for the orderly transfer of clinical records to the new licensee;

(c) In the event an enhanced services facility ceases operation, make arrangements prior to cessation, as approved by the department, for preservation of the clinical records. The enhanced services facility licensee must provide a plan for preservation of clinical records to the department's designated local office no later than seven days after the date of notice of the facility closure unless an alternate date has been approved by the department; and

(d) Provide a resident access to all records pertaining to the resident as required.

(3) The enhanced services facility must assemble all records pertaining to a resident and make them available to a resident within twenty-four hours of the resident's or the resident's representative's request to review the resident's records.

(4) The enhanced services facility must provide to the resident or the resident's representative, photocopies of the records or any portions of the records pertaining to the resident, within two working days of the resident's or resident's representative's request for the records.

(a) For the purposes of this section, "working days" means Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

(b) The enhanced services facility may charge the resident or the resident's representative a fee not to exceed twenty-five cents per page for the cost of photocopying the resident's record.

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