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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides persons with disabilities an exemption from incurring increased costs when obtaining medical records.

Present law provides that a patient or his legal representative shall have a right to obtain a copy of the patient's entire medical record. The healthcare provider shall furnish the patient's medical record in accordance with costs outlined in present law. A patient may obtain a copy of his medical record in the following forms: paper, digital format, X-rays, or other imaging media. Charges set forth by present law shall apply to all persons and legal entities authorized by the patient to obtain a copy of his medical records.

Proposed law retains present law but adds that a person with a disability shall not be liable for costs associated with obtaining copies of a patient's medical records. Proposed law further defines "disability" pursuant to present law.

(Adds R.S. 40:1165.1(A)(2)(b)(iv))