

Re: Dental Records

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Both technically and legally, you are paying for the diagnosis and clinical judgement. You are not paying for the physical records, and as far as I can tell this has always been the case legally.

Well on the bill then it should have an itemization for records cost. Unless the dentist pays for the film himself and the cost of using the machine (which I doubt) the patient is truly paying for or funding the creation of the records and in addition paying for the diagnosis and clinical judgement.

I suppose each side has a good point about ownership of records and everyone can agree that the patient should pay for copies, but what really bugs me is poor copies that aren't the quality of the originals. I don't know if this is typical but one OS gave me some kind of zerox copy/printout of a panorex which was barely readable. With digitization all copies and originals should be of the same quality so I suppose even this will soon become a moot point.

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