



FAQ for Spencer Kreger Patients

Who is Business Records Management LLC or BRM?

Due to the closing of Spencer Kreger's office, Business Records Management LLC (BRM) has been selected to be the records depository for all of the Practices medical records. BRM has been in the business of storing and distributing records since 1985. BRM is a Pittsburgh based records information management company providing services to over 3,000 companies throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, and New York, including hospitals, physician offices, and imaging facilities.

How do I place my request for my medical record(s)?

You can visit www.businessrecords.com (Patient Information Link) to download a form, or call our automated hotline at (412) 249-1225 to request a Release of Information Form. Once the form is completed, it must be mailed, along with payment of \$19.80 to:

Business Records Management LLC
Medical Record Correspondence - SK
923 Bidwell Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15233

Once BRM receives the \$19.80 payment for the applicable search and retrieval, BRM will calculate the copy and postage costs and will provide you with the additional cost. Once the payment for copy and postage is received, BRM will release and mail the medical record copy.

Is there a timeframe in which I can expect to receive my medical record(s)?

After receiving a completed Release of Information Form along with payment for the search and retrieval fee, copies of the medical record(s) will be made. BRM will invoice the cost of copying & the certified mailing cost to you in accordance with Pennsylvania state legislature (PA Act 26). Fulfilled requests will be distributed seven (7) business days after the paid photocopy & postage invoice is received at BRM.

How will my medical record(s) be sent to me?

BRM will send your medical record(s) Certified Mail via the US Postal Service.

Can I pick-up my medical record(s)?

No. BRM has been asked to maintain custody of the original medical record(s), and copies of the original must be made. This process will take some time to complete, and additional invoicing is required. To track the request, your medical record(s) copies will be sent via USPS certified return receipt mail.

What will it cost for me to retrieve my medical record(s) from BRM?

BRM will charge a flat fee of \$19.80 for the search and retrieval (which is non-refundable). Once your medical record(s) has been retrieved and photocopy & postage costs have been calculated, BRM will send you an invoice for the necessary amount. This amount will vary due to differences in the number of pages of each individual medical record. Spencer Kreger has instructed BRM to only release complete copies of the medical record to the patient. The following are the fees:

Photocopying:	\$1.33/page (pages 1-20)
	\$0.99/page (pages 21-60)
	\$0.33/page (pages 61+)
Postage:	Actual Cost

Postage charges are based upon the actual price that it will be to send the photocopies of the medical records via USPS certified mail.

Will there be a refund if my films are not located?

The \$19.80 fee is non-refundable and covers the search and retrieval of your medical record(s). The postage and photocopy fee will be refunded if BRM does not have the items in storage.

What will BRM accept as payment for my medical record(s)?

BRM will accept money orders, cashiers checks or personal checks. There will be a \$25.00 returned check fee added on to your bill for any personal check returned to us with insufficient funds. This will have to be paid before your medical record(s) are sent to you.

Will you accept cash?

We cannot accept cash via mail or in person.

Can I fax my Request Form to you?

No. Release of Information forms will only be accepted through mail submission or by completion at our North Side facility (923 Bidwell Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15233).

Can I request a medical record(s) for a relative, or of a non-relative of whom I am Legal Guardian?

Yes. You must be able to provide legal documentation including Power of Attorney, Executor of Estate, Death Certificate, or have papers supporting your Legal Guardianship over the person you are requesting the medical record(s) for.

Can my doctor request my medical record(s) for me?

No. Only the patient, or relative (using Legal Documentation) or Legal Guardian can request the medical record(s). However, BRM can have your medical record(s) copies mailed directly to your doctor once your Release Form and payments are made.

Is there a deadline in which I must submit a request?

All records will be destroyed after March 31, 2010.

If I misplace my medical record(s), can you send me another copy?

Yes. BRM will maintain the original record(s) and is sending copies of the original via USPS Certified Mail. If your copies have been misplaced, new copies can be sent. However, you will be required to submit a new Release of Information form and payment. Fulfilled requests will be distributed seven (7) business days after the paid photocopy & postage invoice is received at BRM.