44:73:09:06. Retention of medical records. A facility shall retain medical records for a minimum of ten years from the actual visit date of service or resident care. The retention of the record for ten years is not affected by additional and future visit dates. Records of minors shall be retained until the minor reaches the age of majority plus an additional two years, but no less than ten years from the actual visit date of service or resident care. Initial, annual, and significant-change resident assessment records, as required in §§ 44:73:06:10 and 44:73:06:11, shall be retained for ten years from the actual visit date of resident care. The retention of the record for ten years is not affected by additional and future visit dates.

Source: 19 SDR 172, effective May 19, 1993; 22 SDR 70, effective November 19, 1995; 26 SDR 96, effective January 23, 2000; 27 SDR 59, effective December 17, 2000; 28 SDR 83, effective December 16, 2001; 31 SDR 62, effective November 7, 2004; transferred from § 44:04:09:08, 42 SDR 51, effective October 13, 2015.

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