

**44:73:09:07. Storage of medical records.** A facility shall provide for filing, safe storage, and easy accessibility of medical records. The medical records shall be preserved as original records or in other readily retrievable and reproducible form. Medical records shall be protected against access by unauthorized individuals. All medical records shall be retained by the health care facility upon change of ownership.

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**Cross-Reference:** Disposition of medical records on closure of facility or transfer of ownership, § 44:73:09:09.

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