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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to prohibit health care entities from charging a fee for personal medical records requested by an individual to support a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act or from charging a fee for any other federal or District needs-based benefit or program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Personal Medical Record Fee Exemption Amendment Act of 2025”.

Sec. 2. Section 1011a of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 24-290; D.C. Official Code § 3-1210.12) is amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) Except as provided in subsection (c-1) of this section, a health care entity may require an authorized person to pay:”.

(b) A new subsection (c-1) is added to read as follows:

“(c-1)(1) A health care entity may not charge the fees enumerated in subsection (b) of this section for providing copies of personal medical records requested by:

“(A) The patient or client;

“(B) The patient or client’s personal representative;

34 “(C) An employee or other representative of a nonprofit legal services
35 entity representing the patient or client; or

36 (D) An attorney representing the patient or client; and

37 “(2) That will be used to support a claim or appeal under any provision of the
38 Social Security Act or for any other federal or District needs-based benefit or program.”.

39 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

40 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
41 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
42 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

43 Sec. 4. Effective date.

44 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
45 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
46 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
47 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
48 Columbia Register.