

# HOUSE BILL 1510

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Records – Notice of Destruction – Method**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that notice of the destruction of medical records be provided  
4 by first-class mail or by e-mail, rather than by both methods; and generally relating  
5 to the destruction of medical records.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Health – General  
8 Section 4-403(b) and (c)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Health – General  
13 Section 4-403(d)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 4-403.

20 (b) Except for a minor patient, unless a patient is notified, a health care provider  
21 may not destroy a medical record or laboratory or X-ray report about a patient for 7 years  
22 after the record or report is made.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) In the case of a minor patient, a medical record or laboratory or X-ray report  
2 about a minor patient may not be destroyed until the patient attains the age of majority  
3 plus 7 years, unless:

4 (1) The parent or guardian of the minor patient is notified; or

5 (2) If the medical care documented in the record was provided under §  
6 20–102(c) or § 20–103(c) of this article, the minor patient is notified.

7 (d) The notice under subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall:

8 (1) Be made by:

9 (i) First-class mail to the last known address of the patient; [and]  
10 **OR**

11 (ii) E-mail to the last known e-mail address of:

12 1. The patient; or

13 2. If the patient is a minor and the medical care documented  
14 in the record was not provided under § 20–102(c) or § 20–103(c) of this article, the parent  
15 or guardian of the patient;

16 (2) Include the date on which the record of the patient shall be destroyed;  
17 and

18 (3) Include a statement that the record or synopsis of the record, if wanted,  
19 must be retrieved at a designated location.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2025.