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Patient records custodian named for Dr. Schneider

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts announces that patient medical records previously maintained by the Schneider Medical Clinic, 7030 South Broadway in Haysville, KS, are now being maintained by a records custodian. Patients seeking their records should send their requests to Records Custodian, P.O. Box 314, Valley Center, Kansas 67147. The records are being stored at a location in Wichita.

Following the license suspension of Stephen Schneider, D.O., Haysville, and criminal charges, the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts was notified that a patient of the clinic was unable to access medical records from the facility and no records custodian was in place. The Board subsequently filed a petition for appointment of a records custodian in August 2008 in Shawnee County District Court. That matter has now been settled with the naming of the custodian.

As a result of this issue involving medical records and what the Board views as a need for a more immediate resolution for the public, the Board has introduced legislation this session, House Bill 2010. This bill will give the agency the authority to retain patients' medical records after a professional in the healing arts' license has been revoked or the professional becomes incapacitated. The agency will have authority only if the professional does not have or does not follow his or her written protocol for transfer of records to another custodian in place.

Licensees are currently required to maintain patient records for a minimum of 10 years after a licensee has stopped practicing. When licensees terminate their practice, they are required to notify the Board of the location of records and the name of any custodian. Currently, the Board has no jurisdiction over appointment of records custodians and must file suit in court to have one appointed.

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