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PERSONAL INJURY – PAYMENT OF
COSTS.

It is not improper for an attorney to notify his client's treating physicians and hospital of receipt of personal injury proceeds when that client had previously authorized the attorney to make assurances to the physicians and hospital that their bills would be paid from the proceeds of the personal injury settlement. In the absence of such authorization by the client, notification would be improper. [See II: DR:9-102(B)(4), DR:4-101(C)(1), DR:7-101(B)(1); and ABA Formal Opinion 163.]

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