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COSTS – MEDICAL RECORDS

It is not improper for an attorney to pay the cost of medical records requested by the attorney for a client who has since retained other counsel, provided the client remains ultimately responsible. Whether or not the attorney is obligated to pay the costs of the medical records is a legal question beyond the purview of the committee. [DR:5-103(B)]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.8(e)(2) allows a lawyer to pay litigation costs and expenses on behalf of an indigent client.