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Brown signs bill simplifying medical records requests

CAOC-backed AB 1337 ends paperwork nightmare for patients

SACRAMENTO (Oct. 6, 2015) – Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill sponsored by Consumer Attorneys of California that will help simplify the process for patients seeking their medical records.

AB 1337, authored by Assemblyman Eric Linder (R-Corona), will streamline what is now a paperwork nightmare for patients seeking their own medical records by allowing for the use of a standardized medical records request form that can be submitted to any health care provider.

The forms now in use are specific to each facility and can vary significantly. The use of provider-specific forms leads to delay in obtaining records, especially when patients must request records from multiple facilities to gain their complete medical care history.

“This is one of those simple steps that will go a long way to helping patients, and we thank the governor and Assemblyman Linder,” said CAOC President Brian Chase. “Patients hunting down their records for a court case are already dealing with the stresses of serious illnesses, let alone efforts to seek justice in court. Anything government can do to make life easier for these folks is welcome relief.”

Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs’ attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.

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