



## Medical Records Price Index Annual Deadline

ODH seeks to synchronize the date when the agency is required to post the adjusted medical records pricing index with the date when the national Consumer Price Index for the previous year is published by the federal government.

Each year in mid-to-late January, the U.S. Department of Labor releases the national Consumer Price Index for the preceding year.

ODH then uses this information to adjust the fee schedule for copies of medical records used by health care providers. After ODH establishes the new fees, it publishes them on the agency's website and provides the schedule upon request to partners such as hospital systems, law firms and even private medical practices. However, the Ohio Revised Code requires ODH publish the new fee structure on January 1. As federal government does not officially publish the necessary information until after January 1, ODH cannot establish those new fees for several additional weeks.

Eliminating the January 1 deadline from ORC 3701.742 would allow ODH to adjust the fees in the middle or later part of January after the Consumer Price Index is officially published each year.

*The National Consumer Price Index Is Not Released Until Mid-January Making It Impossible for ODH to Release the Medical Records Price Index on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year*

