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Re: **Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order; OHSU Medical Records**

Dear Ms. Santos:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, which we received on April 22, 1991, asks the Attorney General to order the Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital to make available to you for inspection and copying all of your medical records. For the reasons that follow, we respectfully deny your petition.

Your petition appears to be based on a misunderstanding. The University Hospital did not deny you the right to review your medical records. You may review and receive copies of those records if you provide a written request, either through a letter or by signing the hospital's authorization form. You must pay the hospital's photocopy costs to receive photocopies of those records. If, however, you ask that the records be mailed to your personal physician, the records will be provided without charge.

Because you have not been denied access to the records, the Attorney General lacks authority to order disclosure. See ORS 192.450(1). We recommend that you contact the University Hospital medical records office to ask what steps to follow in order to inspect your medical records.

Sincerely,

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