

Termination of Doctor Patient Relationship

Written notification must be given with 30 days notice with proof of delivery.

An offer for reasonable assistance should be given in locating a new practitioner for the patient.

Copy of patient records must be provided at no cost to patient.

Emergency care must be provided during the 30-day period.

Prescription medications, if needed, should be given for this 30-day period as well.

Do not terminate based solely upon discrimination of any kind.

You do not need to record a proper termination letter in patient's chart if a managed care company has taken the burden of notifying their patients upon your leaving their network.

You do not need to record a proper termination letter if the patient's behavior has made it manifestly clear that they don't intend to return to you for care - just document the interaction.