

Electronic filing now available in Tulsa County

E-Lien is very proud to announce that medical providers now have the option to file physician liens electronically with the Tulsa County Clerk. E-lien's achievement is a first for medical providers anywhere in the U.S. E-Lien will allow medical providers, whether using the lien form provided by E-lien or using the medical providers own forms, to file their lien directly from their own desk to the Courthouse and then back to the Clerk's Office within almost instantly. No longer do medical providers have wait several days to have their liens through the mail, or use expensive gas and time to have same day filing. Electronic filings cost an additional nominal \$6.00 fee in addition to the Courthouse filing fees of \$15.00 for a one page physician lien, and \$2.00 per page for a multi-page file with an itemized bill. Electronic filers will be required to have the following in order to electronically file.

1. Internet Connection.
2. E-Lien User Account (free to physicians).
3. Scanner capable of making .PDF files.
4. Pay-Pal account (see www.paypal.com).

Most scanners come with software that allows creating .PDF document images and can be purchased for under \$100. Using E-Lien Medical providers will now be able to conveniently pay for their filing fees using their Pay-Pal accounts instead of the use of checks or cash, (another first). E-lien users can then upload their signed lien with the itemized bill in .PDF format to E-Lien, which will then facilitates the electronic filing with the Courthouse. E-Lien plans to expand their services to other Oklahoma counties as demand requires. If your County currently does not have electronic filing options, then inform them that E-Lien would be glad to contract our services. E-Lien will soon notify each user as this service become available. Anyone with questions can contact Matt Sweazey at E-Lien at (918) 394-5901 or email Lloyd Benedict at tortking@cox.net

Cost Saving Ideas for filing Physician Liens

Oklahoma Statute Tit. 42 Section 46 requires all physician liens accompanied with an itemized bill to be sent to the patient, the insurance company(s), and the patient's attorney.

attorney by certified mail. The cost of these certified mailings can around \$18.00 a time you mail them in this manner. We all know that if the Statute is not followed letter then your lien would not be valid. A possible cost saving option rather than certified mail is requesting the patient and their attorney to each accept the lien by a "waiver of service". Waivers are not new the legal world as they are routinely used in other legal matters. However, one should not attempt to use a waiver with insurance companies because they are the most important party to prove they received your lien.

The waiver needs to reference the patient's name, the date of injury, and the name of the physician requesting it. The waiver needs to be signed by the patient and their attorney and state that they are waiving the statutory requirement of receiving the lien with an itemized bill by required certified mail. Additionally, the waiver should state that the patient acknowledges the receipt of such by regular mail, fax, or email. Obviously, you would not want to request a waiver from an untrustworthy patient or their attorney, or in a jurisdiction where there are many other medical providers treating the same patient as this may give anyone of them an opportunity to dispute the validity of your lien since using a waiver deviates from the physician lien statute. However, if you have a good working relationship with the patient and their attorney, then a waiver should work nicely.

Referrals, Fast and Easy

E-LIEN offers Physicians a free hyperspeed way to refer their patients to dialysis facilities, pain management clinics, Orthopedic and Neuro Surgeons who take patient lien arrangements. The list continues to grow. To use this feature, the referring physician must have a E-lien account. To refer the Patient, one simply clicks on the patient's name and then clicks refer, then select the facility from the available list. Instantly the facility you select to refer your patient to is emailed the patient's name, address, phone number, date of accident, patient's insurance information including claim number, adjuster's name and phone number, as well as the defendant's name, complete insurance information and the name, address and phone number of patient's attorney. If the facility happens to be a E-Lien user, then they will have the option of accepting the referral straight into their E-Lien Patient database without having to type the information into the system. Physicians can also track the number their referrals to or from the facilities they selected.

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