

Your Child's Age and Their Privacy

Colorado Law affords youth certain decision-making authority and privacy depending on their age. Peak Pediatrics encourages open communication within families, however, this may not be possible in every circumstance. We are providing you with this handout so you understand your child's right to privacy, and Peak Pediatrics' commitment to following the law.

Providers may ask a parent or guardian to step out of the visit to provide patients with confidentiality.

Under the age of 14

- Parents/guardians have full access to all aspects of the child's MyChart, including appointments, medications, test results and more.
- Providers may provide birth control procedures, supplies and information to any minor who requests and needs birth control procedures, supplies or information without their parent's consent.
- Providers may examine, prescribe for and treat minor patients for use of drug or a substance use disorder without the consent of or notification to the minor's parents or guardian.

Ages 14-18

- Patient's or guardians will have limited access to MyChart. They will have the ability to message their child's provider and view immunizations, but they will no longer be able to view test results and appointments. The 14-18 year old patient will have full access to their MyChart.
- If a patient is 14 years or older, the provider may not disclose any information for sexually transmitted infections (including HIV) to the parents or guardian without the patient's consent.
- If a patient is 15 years or older, they may obtain mental health treatment including medication and therapy services without their parent's consent.

18 years or older

- Parents/guardians will no longer have any access to the patient's MyChart, while the patient over 18 years of age will have full access to their MyChart Account.

Special needs

- If a child is 14 years of age or older, with special needs, and unable to manage their own healthcare, a special allowance will be made allowing parents/guardians to maintain full access to all aspects of the child's MyChart. Please talk this over with your child's healthcare team.

As outlined above, some services can be provided to minor patients without the parent or guardian's consent. However, the guarantor of the account will receive a bill for services rendered through insurance (including services provided) which is not confidential.