PATIENT PORTAL INFORMATION FOR MINOR ACCOUNTS AGES 13-17

Required updates have been made to the health information available in the Patient Portal for minor accounts, ages 13-17. Please read the information below to better understand these changes. If you have additional questions, you can contact our Privacy officer at 785-738-9513.

Under state law, certain types of health information for a minor cannot be disclosed to the minor's parent. It is difficult to segregate this information from information the parent may access through the portal. Therefore, such access through the portal will be granted to parents for their minor child ages 0-13. At age 13, parental access will be terminated. In terminating parental access, the parent may still request access to the minor child's records through the facility's medical records department at 785-738-9151. Requested records will be granted to the guardian unless otherwise protected under state law.

Please Note:

- The changes only pertain to the type of information in the electronic portal for children ages 13 to 17 years.
- Parents can still request copies of their child's medical record information, which has been approved under state law, through the hospital medical records department.

Why is MCHHS making these changes?

There are many scenarios for which a minor child can consent for their own treatment under Kansas law. The most common scenarios are tests or services for sexually transmitted diseases, drug or alcohol use / abuse and pregnancy. Under HIPAA privacy regulations, the person who legally consents for treatment (including minors according to state law) also has authority over how their health information is used or disclosed. These are NOT new laws or regulations. Majority health systems in the Kansas area have similar practices to manage the health information of children in the electronic portal.

As a parent, what information can I receive and request copies of from the surgery clinic or hospital medical records?

- Lab results
- Radiology results
- Medication lists
- Visit notes / summary

For additional questions or assistance, please contact Jackie Dunne, Privacy Officer at 785-738-9513.

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