



## Patient Portal Updates to Minor Accounts

We are making a few updates to the health information available in the Patient Portal for minor accounts, ages 12 - 17. Please read the information below to better understand these changes. If you have additional questions, you can contact your physician's office or our Privacy Helpline at 913-791-3548.

### *Please note:*

- The changes *only pertain to the type of information in the electronic portal* for children ages 12 to 17 years.
- The changes do not impact communication between the provider and the parent or the provider and the child.
- The Patient Portal is still active and available to parents with children ages 12 to 17 years.
- Parents can still request access to their child's medical record information through their provider's office or hospital medical records department.

### Why are we 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, however, Olathe Health is constantly updating the way we manage the confidentiality of our patient's health information.** In addition, other health systems in the Kansas City area have similar practices to manage the health information of children in the electronic portal.

### What information is available in the Patient Portal for children ages 12 to 17 years?

- Sending a message to a provider
- Receiving messages from a provider, including health information the provider needs to communicate to the parent regarding their child
- Immunizations
- Allergies
- Scheduling an appointment

### What information will I now need to request directly from the clinic or hospital medical records?

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

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