

Release of Your Child's Health Records

Written consent required

Except in certain cases, your child's doctor may not release your child's health records to anyone else without a parent's signed and dated consent.

Release without consent

Your child's doctor may release your child's records without your prior written consent:

- in a medical emergency
- when the doctor needs to release the information to another health care professional for the current treatment of your child.
- when a federal law requires it
- when a court order or subpoena requires it
- to state agencies and organizations for specific purposes outlined by law

Release of immunization information

Doctors, schools, and certain government agencies may exchange your child's immunization information with one another without your consent if the person requesting the information provides services on behalf of your child.

Your request to transfer records to another doctor

Your child's doctor must promptly give your child's health record to another health care professional when you request it in writing. Your written request must state the name of the health care professional who is to receive the record. You are responsible for paying the reasonable costs of giving the information.

Release to researchers

The law explains how and when your child's health records may be released to a researcher for medical or scientific research. Your child's doctor must tell you in writing that the records may be released to a researcher and explain that. You have the right to object to the release. Researchers must protect the records from unauthorized disclosure and must have a way to remove or destroy any information that identifies your child.

Residential facility records

If your child lives in a residential facility, then you must be notified when anyone outside of the facility requests your child's records.