

Teens, Privacy, and Health: What You Need to Know

1. You have the right to be treated with respect regardless of race, skin color, place where you were born, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ability, immigration status, financial status, health status or parental status.
2. At this health center, you have the right to talk to your provider alone, without your parent or guardian in the room. We may encourage you to share what we talk about with a parent/legal guardian or a trusted adult.
3. Private information you share with our health center staff will remain confidential and not be shared without your permission (giving consent) except for in the cases listed below:
 - You tell us or we suspect that an adult is hurting or sexually assaulting you.
 - You tell us that you want to hurt yourself.
 - You tell us you want to hurt someone else.
 - There is suspicion of physical or mental injury, harm or imminent danger to your physical or mental health or welfare other than by accidental means.
4. Some insurance plans may mail information about your visit to your house. Talk to your provider if you are especially concerned about confidential care.
5. According to Wyoming law, you have the right to the following services without the permission of a parent or legal guardian:
 - Emergency services (If your parent or guardian cannot with reasonable diligence be located and your need for health care treatment is sufficiently urgent to require immediate attention.)
 - Examination and treatment for any sexually transmitted infection (STIs)
 - Sexual assault care (if your parent or guardian cannot be located promptly with diligent effort)
 - Tobacco cessation services (if you are at least 12 years of age, a smoker or user of tobacco products, and the health care to which you consent to is a tobacco cessation program approved by the department of health)
6. If you are using Medicaid or receiving services at a Title X reproductive/sexual health center, all forms of contraception are available without the permission of a parent/guardian. Also, Title X clinics have additional protections around confidentiality.
7. You have the right to have your options for care explained to you.
8. You have the right to review your health center records.
9. If you feel you have been mistreated, please inform the health center staff.

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