

TEENS, PRIVACY, AND HEALTH

In Arkansas, you have the right to...

1 Be treated with respect, regardless of your race, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender, abilities, and immigration, financial, health, or parental status.

2 Ask to talk to your health-care provider alone, without your parent or guardian in the room. Your provider will explain how privacy and parent or guardian involvement apply to your care. We may encourage you to share what you discuss with a parent, guardian, or trusted adult when it is safe and helpful.

3 Have your health information protected as required by law. We will explain the limits of confidentiality before you receive care. Depending on the type of care and the law, information may be shared with a parent or guardian or with others when disclosure is allowed or required.

Examples may include:

- To address serious safety concerns
- To report suspected abuse or neglect
- To respond to a court order
- To meet public-health reporting requirements.

4 Consent to the following services without permission of a parent or legal guardian, in certain situations*:

- Emergency care when a parent or guardian cannot be reached, and care is urgently needed
- Medical care related to pregnancy or childbirth
- Contraception, including birth-control information and supplies
- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs)

**You may also be able to consent to other health care on your own if you are an emancipated minor, a married minor, or an unemancipated minor who can understand and appreciate the consequences of the proposed treatment.*

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- Have your options for care explained to you in a way you can understand.
 - Ask about access to your health center records
 - If you have questions about your rights or feel you have been mistreated, please inform the health center staff.

