



Minor Consent Laws

Information for Parents and Guardians About Your Child's Care at UVP

At Upper Valley Pediatrics, we prioritize the safety, privacy, and well-being of you and your child. Please familiarize yourself with the following policies and procedures for visits involving children and teens under 18 years of age: **Accompaniment and Documentation Requirements:**

- Legal Guardianship or Emancipated Minors: If a legal guardian or emancipated minor is involved, relevant legal documentation must be presented at the time of the visit

If a parent or legal guardian is unable to accompany the child to a visit, Upper Valley Pediatrics requires written or verbal permission for the minor to be seen without them. This permission can be provided by:

- Completing the electronic Pediatric Consent Form available on the Upper Valley Pediatrics website and submitting it online or bringing a signed copy to the office.

New Hampshire Laws Regarding Minor Healthcare:

Please be aware that under New Hampshire law, minors can be seen without a parent or guardian and without written consent in the following circumstances:

1. Emergency Care: At the provider's discretion.
2. Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Care: Ages 14 and up.
3. HIV Testing: Ages 14 and up.
4. Drug Dependency Treatment: Ages 12 and up.
5. Mental Health Services: At the provider's discretion.
6. Contraceptive Services: Ages 14 and up.
7. Pregnancy Care: At the provider's discretion.

UVP's Patient Portal Information:

- You will have full access to your child's health information until they turn 12 years old.
- After your child reaches 12, your access will become limited in accordance with New Hampshire law (NH RSA 318-B:12-a and NH RSA 141-C:18) to protect their privacy.

Vermont Laws Regarding Minor Healthcare

Please be aware that under Vermont law, minors can be seen without a parent or guardian and without written consent in the following circumstances:

1. Emergency Care: At the providers discretion
2. Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Care: Ages 12 and up
3. HIV Testing: Ages 12 and up
4. Drug Dependency Treatment: Ages 12 and up
5. Mental Health Services: Minors may consent to outpatient mental health treatment without parental consent.
6. Contraceptive and Reproductive Services: Minors may consent to contraceptive care

7. Pregnancy Related Care: Minors may consent to pregnancy-related care.

Parents and guardians will have **full access** to their child's health information through the patient portal **until the child turns 12 years old**.

Once a child reaches age 12, parental portal access may become **limited** in accordance with Vermont consent and confidentiality laws to protect a minor's privacy for services they are legally permitted to consent to on their own; this is consistent with state statutes granting minors authority to consent to certain care and the federal HIPAA right of privacy for individuals who legally consent to their own treatment.

Please feel free to contact us at 802-222-4722 with any questions or if you need assistance with accessing forms or information. We are here to support you and ensure your child receives the best care possible.