

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. You have the right for private information you share with our health center staff to 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 you or someone sexually abused you.
 - You tell us that you want to hurt yourself.
 - You tell us you want to hurt someone else.
4. According to Maryland law, you have the right to the following services without the permission of a parent or legal guardian:
 - Emergency care
 - Abortion (Parental notification is required, but consent is not needed for the procedure.)
 - Diagnosis and/or treatment for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS
 - Treatment or advice about:
 - Drug use
 - Alcoholism
 - Pregnancy
 - Contraception other than sterilization
 - Examination and treatment of injuries from an alleged rape or sexual offense
 - Examination to obtain evidence from an alleged rape or sexual offense
 - Initial medical screening and examination upon admission into a detention center
 - Consultation, diagnosis, and treatment for outpatient mental health services (Only minors ages 16+)
5. You have the right to have your options for care explained to you.
6. You have the right to review your health center records.

If you have questions about your rights or feel you have been mistreated, please inform the health center staff.

*Some insurance plans may mail information about your visit to your house.
Talk to your provider if you are using your family's insurance and want confidential care.*