



PARTNERS IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES NOTICE TO PARENT AND MINOR

Notice to minor patients and their legal guardians

HIPAA allows for parents or legal guardians to have access to minor's medical records. However, Kentucky law creates greater privacy rights in regard to certain matters than HIPAA. **Kentucky law entitles minors to receive counseling and treatment for venereal disease, pregnancy, alcohol or other drug abuse or addictions, contraception, or childbirth all without the consent or notification of the parent, parents, or guardian of the minor patient.** Should treatment requested by a minor patient be determined in our professional judgment to fall within the above referenced categories and be in the best interest of the minor patient we will treat the minor patient without notification of the parent(s). The treatment received by the minor patient will be confidential between the minor and this practice and will not be discussed or revealed to the parent or guardian without an authorization to do so from the minor, or as authorized by law and allowed in the exercise of our professional judgment for the best interest of the patient.

The parent(s) or guardian minor should be aware that if counseling or treatment is provided and processed by the medical carrier for the minor an explanation of benefits or other insurance documentation may be sent to the minor's home in regard to the treatment. These are not documents generated by Partners in Women's Health and therefore we have no control over what information is disseminated in such documents. These documents may reveal that treatment has occurred and the type of treatment. Whatever information is revealed or contained in these documents is beyond the control of Partners In Women's Health.