

Minors and the HealthlinkNY HIE



Birth to 10 years: A parent or legal guardian must sign the consent form for the record to be accessed



10-18 years: Record cannot be accessed except in a medical emergency



18+ years: The adult can make their own consent choice

Minors under the Age of 10:

Providers can access the health records of their patients who are under the age of 10. There must be an affirmative consent form executed by the minor's parent or legal guardian in order for the provider to access the record.

- Parent or legal guardian completes the HealthlinkNY Consent Form on behalf of the minor.
- Health care provider can access the minor's Health Information Exchange record:
 - Parent or legal guardian has provided affirmative consent and Provider-Patient treatment relationship exists
 - A medical emergency exists and parent or legal guardian has not denied consent on behalf of the minor

Minors Ages 10 through 18:

Health information is not available for children from the age of 10 until the minor reaches 18 and is considered an adult, except in cases where treatment may be provided to the patient without informed consent, such as medical emergencies.

- HealthlinkNY Consent Form is not collected by providers for patients in this age range
- Even if consent has been provided for the minor previously, access to the record is denied
- Emergency health care provider can access the minor's Health Information Exchange record if a medical emergency exists

Other Information:

- Once the Patient turns 18, their consent choice automatically resets in the system to the undecided state. A new consent form must be collected for every patient turning 18 years of age.
- Emancipated Minors can execute their own HealthlinkNY Consent Form.