

1 **Parental Access to Children's Medical Records Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Michael J. Petersen**

Senate Sponsor:

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill amends provisions related to parent and guardian access to a minor's medical record.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► requires a health care facility to ensure that a minor's parent or guardian has access to the minor's electronic health record unless certain circumstances are met.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:****ENACTS:**

**26B-2-244**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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19 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

20 Section 1. Section **26B-2-244** is enacted to read:

**26B-2-244 . Electronic health record access.**

22 (1) As used this section, "minor" means an individual under the age of 18 years old.

23 (2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a health care facility shall ensure that any  
electronic health record system used by the health care facility to store electronic health  
records of a minor allows a minor's parent or guardian full and complete unrestricted  
access to the minor's electronic health record without obtaining another person's consent  
to access the electronic health record.

28 (3)(a) Subject to Subsection (3)(b), a health care facility may restrict a parent's or  
guardian's access to an electronic health record if the health record is restricted under  
state law, federal law, or a court order.

31                   (b) A health care facility may only restrict access to the part of the electronic health  
32                   record that is restricted under state law, federal law, or a court order.

33                   **Section 2. Effective Date.**

34                   This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.