

Parental Access to Children's Medical Records Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael J. Petersen

Senate Sponsor:

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

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

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

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

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

(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.

(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.