ROCHESTER RHIO

Regional Health Information Organization

ROCHESTER RHIO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR MINOR CONSENTED SERVICES

[ONLY USE FOR MINOR PATIENTS RECEIVING SPECIALLY PROTECTED SERVICES]

Will the minor have the right to revoke an earlier parental consent unilaterally?

No. Minors receiving a Minor Consented Service cannot unilaterally override earlier parental consent. The Rochester RHIO Minor Consent form allows a one-time, temporary consent override for this visit only, if the Minor Consent and Standard Consent form on file are different.

When should the RHIO Consent Form for Minor Consented Services be presented to the patient?

When the minor receives a Minor Consented Service, including reproductive health services, the minor signs a consent form, not the parent. The Rochester RHIO Minor Consent Form should be presented to the minor in the exam room when the parent is not present.

Do parents or guardians have access to their child's or dependent's information through the RHIO?

No. Information available through the RHIO should not be re-disclosed to parents or guardians. Rochester RHIO is used by providers and clinicians who are treating patients at the point of care.

If the minor's parent previously consented, and the minor decides to re-approve consent, do we need to make any changes on Explore?

You do NOT need to reset consent on Explore+. However, you need to send a copy of the signed Rochester RHIO Minor Consent form to the RHIO (fax to 585-410-6801).

If the minor decides NOT to allow RHIO access to a practice, will the "No" follow for ALL providers in the RHIO?

No. The Rochester RHIO Minor Consent form is a one-time consent form for the requesting provider during that specific visit only and does not change the consent status at other providers with whom the minor may also have a treating relationship.

If the minor indicates "No" for RHIO consent, will there be access to the minor's health information in the case of a medical emergency?

Yes.