ROCHESTER RHIO

Regional Health Information Organization

INFORMATION FOR MINOR CONSENTED SERVICES

[ONLY USE FOR MINOR PATIENTS RECEIVING SPECIALLY PROTECTED SERVICES]

You are receiving this form because you are younger than 18 and seeing a doctor for care related to sexual activity, drugs and/or alcohol or mental health.

What is Rochester RHIO?

Think of Rochester RHIO as a social network, except the information is only shared with your doctors and other treating providers. The Rochester RHIO (Regional Health Information Organization) is a secure health information system that doctors use to help treat their patients. It allows doctors to see patient information electronically such as your test results, lab reports, and medications you take.

Through the one-time, minor consent form, you can decide whether to share all community health information with your doctor today.

Why am I receiving this form today?

The Rochester RHIO Minor Consent form acts as a temporary, one-time override of the Rochester RHIO standard consent form that is signed by a parent/guardian, which may be on file. If there is no standard consent form on file, this Minor Consent form acts as a one-time, temporary override for this specific visit only.

If there is a standard consent form on file, which says Yes, then the provider is already able to see your community health record.

If the standard consent form on file says No, then the provider is not able to see your community health record, unless you consent Yes on the one-time, override Minor Consent form today. Then, the provider has access to your community health record for today's visit only.

However, if the standard consent on file says No, or you say No today on the Minor Consent form, and you have a life-threatening emergency, doctors using Rochester RHIO can view your health information in this case of an emergency even if you say No.

Will my parents know if I say "No" or "Yes"? No. Rochester RHIO will not share your consent response with your parents.

What happens if I "Give consent," or say "Yes" to Rochester RHIO? Your doctor, nurses and other healthcare providers and staff in the same medical office or hospital, will be able to view your community health record today.

This DOES NOT mean that your parent / guardian will see information related to today's visit. Your personal health information is still protected by the laws and professional rules that require doctors to keep their patients' information private. Parents cannot use Rochester RHIO's clinical query tool, Explore+, to see medical information. Clinicians and care managers use Rochester RHIO to support quality treatment at the point of care.

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