



# Privacy Buzz



October 2021 Accessing your minor child's EMR Policy Update

## ***The Authorization to Access Medical Records Self and Others policy\* has been updated and published.***

The major change is that VUMC Workforce Members (staff, students, or providers) are no longer allowed to access their minor child's Electronic Medical Record (EMR). They should use the MyHealthatVanderbilt (MHAV) patient portal instead.

### ***Why the change?***

- The ***Information Blocking Final Rule*** requires clinical notes and results to be available to the patient as soon as they are available in the EMR.
- Exceptions allowed are ***very limited*** including:
  - to respond to the patient's request for privacy about the information or
  - a clinician's determination that releases of the information may result in ***physical harm*** to the patient or someone else.
- Direct access to the patient's EMR bypasses the actions of the clinician to deliberately block the access to the information.
- MHAV contains lab, radiology and other results, clinical notes and other information and is the preferred approach for viewing your minor child's medical record.

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