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Policy:

1. Dependents over the age of 18 are in control of their own medical information and an authorization is required before a disclosure is made to the dependent's Personal Representative.

2. Under Utah state law, the general rule is that a minor child under the age of 18 requires parental consent to obtain health care. There are certain exceptions where a minor may receive medical care without parental consent. In these cases, the minor may then control the medical information. When responding to an inquiry from a Personal Representative regarding a service stated below, an authorization may be required prior to disclosing the information. These are general guidelines. Some situations may require different actions. If in question, contact your supervisor, manager, or call the Compliance Department for guidance.
   a) Minors, who are married or in the armed forces, may seek medical care without the consent of their parents. Minors then control their medical information. Minors who are pregnant or a parent with custody of a minor child may receive certain authorized medical services for themselves or their child without parental consent.[1].
   b) Minors may request and receive medical care or services related to a sexually transmitted disease without parental consent and are then in control of their medical information[2]:
   c) Minors age 16 or older may be emancipated by a juvenile court order in Utah.[3] Emancipated minors may obtain health care services without parental consent and are then in control of their medical information.[4] DEPARTMENT must obtain legal documentation before recognizing the minor as emancipated.
   d) Parental notification is required for minors seeking contraceptive services[5] or an abortion[6].

[1] Utah Code § 26-10-9. Immunizations -- Consent of minor to treatment. http://le.utah.gov/code/TITLE26/htm/26_10_000900.htm
[2] Utah Code § 26-6-18. Venereal disease – Consent of minor to treatment. http://le.utah.gov/code/TITLE26/htm/26_06_001800.htm
[3] Utah Code § 78A-6-803. Petition for emancipation. http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE78A/htm/78A06_080300.htm
[4] Utah Code § 78A-6-805. Emancipation. http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE78A/htm/78A06_080300.htm
http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE78A/htm/78A06_080500.htm
[5] Utah Code § 76-7-325. Notice to parent or guardian of minor requesting contraceptive.
http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE76/htm/76_07_032500.htm

[6] Utah Code § 76-7-304. Considerations by physician – Notice to a parent or guardian.
http://le.utah.gov/~code/TITLE76/htm/76_07_030400.htm