



Dear Hirsch Pediatrics Patient,

Congratulations on reaching the milestone of turning 18!

We have enjoyed the privilege of being part of your life through the years. We are sending you this letter to answer the most common questions on how we will interact with you and provide healthcare going forward.

Now that I am 18 can I still come to a pediatric office?

- **Yes! We are happy to provide care for you until you turn 19.**
- Once you turn 19 (or sooner if you prefer) we will transition your care to an internal medicine or family medicine practice and **automatically upload a copy of your basic medical records to your portal when you turn 19.**
- You can access our current **adult care referral list** on the Hirsch Pediatrics website by navigating to the “Current Patients” and selecting “Teenage Patients at Hirsch Pediatrics.”

Is my health information private from my parents?

- **Absolutely.** According to state and federal law when you turn 18 years old you are considered an adult, and we are not legally allowed to disclose any medical information to your parents without your written or verbal consent. **When you turned 18 we changed your Patient Portal access to your e-mail address instead of your parent’s.**
- Your parents can still schedule your appointments, but we are not allowed to communicate any information about your appointments to your parents without your consent.

As always please feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise. For quickest response please message us directly through your Patient Portal.

Sincerely,

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**HIRSCH PEDIATRICS
TEENAGE REQUEST FOR MEDICAL RECORDS**

I am requesting the following medical records (check one):

Basic records request (no additional fee) ** including all of the following documents:

- Continuity of Care Document (CCD)
- most recent well-child exam
- growth charts
- recent lab/radiology results (if applicable)
- recent consult notes (if applicable)

Other request (may incur additional fee noted below)** _____

When the records are available (check one):

Please upload records to my portal (no additional fee).

Other request (will incur additional fee noted below)**

I understand and agree that I am financially responsible for any fees associated with my request including the cost of supplies, labor, and postage. However, I will be notified of any applicable fees prior to the records being copied.**

** Note: **Hirsch Pediatrics does not charge for the basic records request and for records that are uploaded to your patient portal.** If requested in writing and for an additional fee noted below Hirsch Pediatrics can provide additional records at the standard medical record fee per Maryland law as well as send records to another provider or provide paper copies:

- A fee of .57 cents for each page of the medical record, and
- The actual cost of postage and handling, and
- Preparation fee of \$22.88, if the records are sent to another provider. The federal HIPAA regulations do not allow a charge for a preparation fee for records provided directly to the patient.

Date

Patient Name

Patient Signature