

Health Care Services and Release of Health Care Information for Minors seeking care at Obstetrics and Gynecology of Atlanta.

In some states minors, persons under the age of 18 can consent to health care services. **In the state of Georgia minors age 12 and over can provide consent for health care services.**

The **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)** preempts state laws in all areas except the Privacy Rule with regard to minors. HIPAA defers to all state laws regarding the disclosure of minor's health information to a parent.

Emancipated minors: girls who are pregnant or those who have established some degree of independence from their parents or guardians can both direct their health care and restrict their health information. Physicians will only deal with the minor with issues regarding their health care and treatment unless authorized by the minor.

UN-Emancipated minors: girls age 12-17. If the minor can consent to the receipt of health care services under state law (which is true in Georgia), HIPAA permits the minor to also control the resulting health care information.

Paying for a health care service does not entitle a parent or guardian access to the resulting health care information.

Authorization to relinquish rights under the **Privacy Rule.**

I, _____ am a minor, my current age is _____.

I authorize OBGA to release my health care information to _____.
(parent/guardian)

I **DO NOT** authorize OBGA to release my health care information to my parent or guardian.