

MyBeacon patient portal | Information sharing update

For minor patients (two pages)

MyBeacon is an online tool for your health records. Parents can use MyBeacon to see their children's health information. Minors age 14 to 17 have the right to seek care on their own for some conditions. Read more below.

Use MyBeacon to:

- See lab and other test results when they are final, like X-rays and blood draws.
- Read doctor notes from hospital stays and office visits.

What to expect from your care team

You can see test results and doctor notes in MyBeacon when they are final. There may be times when you see results before your doctor has had a chance to review them.

Your doctor will call you about test results that are not normal or need follow up. Sometimes this may take up to two or three business days. We know it is hard to wait to hear from your doctor when you are worried about something. Doctors need time to review results carefully. They will share the right care options with you.

Please call your doctor if you have a strong concern about information you see in MyBeacon.

Minors-parent medical information access (ages 14 to 17)

State laws give minors the right to seek care on their own for some important health conditions. Minors also have the right to limit access to conversations they have with doctors about sensitive health-related topics. Minors might not talk about these topics if they think information could be shared.

Indiana and Michigan state laws permit minors to seek treatment **without** parental consent for:

- Testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.
- Testing and treatment for pregnancy and the prevention of pregnancy in certain situations.
- Drug and alcohol treatment.

Beacon Health System protects the privacy of all patients, including minors. Sometimes, minors have concerns they want to or are legally able to talk about privately and/or independently with their healthcare providers. Beacon has a policy to allow for these unique situations according to state laws.

When medically necessary, a doctor may use their clinical judgment to disclose health information about a minor to a parent or guardian to prevent a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a minor or another person.

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To help protect the privacy of individuals, Beacon follows this policy for minors and parental access to MyBeacon.

MyBeacon proxy access for parents/guardians of minors

MyBeacon proxy access means that a person has permission to view another person’s MyBeacon records. Adolescent (teen) proxy access (ages 14–17) grants a parent(s) access to the adolescent’s MyBeacon account. Both a parent and the adolescent must be physically present to sign a consent for this access. If both parties do not agree to this access, then access will not be given to the parent.

MyBeacon proxy access types at Beacon Health System:

Adult-child proxy Ages 0–13	Adolescent/teen proxy Ages 14–17	Adult-adult proxy Ages 18+
<p>Includes full access for the adult.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Access can be given to an adult (parent, guardian, etc.) to review their child’s records. -Patients between the ages of 0–13 cannot create their own MyBeacon account. 	<p>Includes full access for the parent/guardian, including results and notes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Both parent and teen must consent to the parent’s access to the teen’s full portal account. -This access expires on the teen’s 18th birthday. -Either party may revoke access at any time. -Patients between the ages of 14–17 cannot create their own MyBeacon account. 	<p>Accessible only if a patient age 18+ has granted “adult-adult” proxy access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Patients 18+ may create their own MyBeacon account. -When granting proxy access to another person aged 18+, they are given “adult-adult” proxy access. -This access does not expire, but may be revoked by the patient at any time.

You have the right to take away MyBeacon access from anyone you gave it to before now. We can help you remove someone from your MyBeacon account. You will use a form provided by our medical records office, your doctor’s office or at beaconhealthsystem.org/access-patient-portals/.

Requesting Medical Records

Parents and guardians of teen patients may still get their child’s health information without using MyBeacon by contacting our Medical Records department. An authorization form must be completed and sent to one of our locations. Records for adolescent patients who can consent to care for specific medical conditions and confidential conversations cannot be obtained as defined by law.

For help on finding resources and how we can support your family, please call your healthcare provider.