

Records

Access to Adoption Records, State Statutes

In nearly all States, adoption records are sealed and withheld from public inspection after an adoption is finalized. Most States have instituted procedures by which parties to an adoption may obtain both nonidentifying and identifying information from an adoption record while still protecting the interests of all parties. This bulletin provides an overview and state statute citations for accessing adoption records. Colorado Access to Records: Rev. Stat. §§ 19-5-304(1)(b); 19-5-305(2)(b)(I); found on page 10 of this document.

Child Welfare Information Gateway. (2016). *Access to adoption records*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/systemwide/laws-policies/statutes/infoaccessap/>

Age of Consent for Release of Records

This is an information memorandum prepared by the Colorado Office of Children, Youth & Families. At what age may youth consent to the release of their medical records without consent of a parent/guardian? This topic often causes confusion. This memo summarizes CDHS policies regarding verbal and written consent for psychiatric and behavioral health treatment for children

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Consent for Psychiatric and Behavioral Health Treatment

This is an information memorandum prepared by the Colorado Office of Children, Youth & Families. This memo summarizes CDHS policies regarding the age at which children may consent to release medical records. The purpose is to notify human/social service workers, guardians, and those accompanying youth to appointments of the appropriateness of using verbal consent, instead of written consent, unless otherwise specifically stated in the Code of Colorado Regulations [12 CCR 2509-1 through 12 CCR 2509-8] to proceed with treatment. Obtaining consent for medical and behavioral health treatment of foster youth can be a challenge. Guardians may not be present at an appointment to provide written consent for a treatment, and this might lead to treatment delays.

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