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Majority Whip Willoughby Welcomes HHS Action Affirming Parents' Right to Access Children's Medical Records

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Arizona House Majority Whip Julie Willoughby today welcomed new action by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to enforce parents' legal right to access their children's medical records and require healthcare providers to comply with consent and exemption laws.

The [HHS announcement](#) confirms what Arizona families have raised for years: parents are being blocked from medical information they are legally entitled to see, creating unnecessary obstacles to managing their children's care.

"Arizona parents know this problem because they've lived it," said Majority Whip Willoughby. **"Families have been locked out of online medical portals and forced to fight for access to records needed to schedule appointments, refill prescriptions, and communicate with doctors. I have led the House Republicans in efforts to fix this, but Governor Hobbs vetoed those efforts."**

Willoughby sponsored [HB 2183](#) in 2024 and [HB 2126](#) in 2025, bipartisan legislation to clarify and enforce parents' access to their minor children's medical records through electronic portals and similar healthcare platforms. Governor Katie Hobbs [vetoed](#) both bills, leaving the issue unresolved for Arizona families.

Today's announcement outlines federal enforcement actions to ensure parents receive timely access to their children's health records, reinforces consent requirements, and directs providers and schools to follow existing federal and state law protecting parental rights.

"I'm encouraged to see the Trump administration address this issue nationwide," Willoughby said. **"Parents have the legal authority to make healthcare decisions for their children, and they should never be kept in the dark. Arizona should be leading on this issue, not blocking solutions."**

"Parents should not need a lawyer or a lawsuit to see their child's medical records," Willoughby added. **"This problem was identified years ago. It's time for the state to stand with parents."**

Julie Willoughby is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 13 in Chandler, Gilbert, and Sun Lakes. She also serves as the House Majority Whip. Follow her on X at @JWilloughbyAZ.

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