A school counselor asked me to help a student that was struggling with health issues and missing a ton of school ...I called the student’s mom and learned that the student had migraines, was admitted to the hospital in January and had a heart procedure in November. Until yesterday, I had no idea.

I faxed the consent form to the mom. She signed and returned it right away. I now have access to the student’s health information and can talk to the doctor. We now have a solid plan in place to keep her in school. Now that’s working together! I can’t tell you how wonderful it has been having access to Children’s Colorado Connect.

-A School Nurse with Children’s Colorado Connect access

Need more information?
Talk to your School Nurse

Why should I sign up?
School nurses are an important part of your child’s healthcare team. Children’s Colorado Connect allows them to have access to up-to-date and accurate medical information.
Our Pledge
To make sure your child’s doctors and school nurses have the tools to work together to give your child the best care possible: The right information, at the right time, to the right healthcare team members.

What is Children’s Colorado Connect?
Children’s Colorado Connect is a secure web-based portal system that lets school nurses use Children’s Hospital Colorado’s electronic health record (EHR) to:

- Find health information for children who are treated at Children’s Hospital Colorado or by community pediatricians who use Children’s Hospital Colorado’s EHR
- Obtain healthcare plans, school forms or letters completed by the doctors who take care of your child.
- See the members of the student’s healthcare team to help coordinate care for the child at school.

What can the school nurse see?
- Clinic, inpatient and emergency room visits
- Your child’s medicines
- School healthcare forms
- Lab & Radiology results
- Future scheduled appointments

What will the school nurse not be able to see?
- Behavioral health visits
- Any minor consent notes or notes that are marked as sensitive by a provider

How does the school nurse get access to my child’s medical record in Children’s Colorado Connect?
A school nurse can get access and use a child’s records from the electronic health record for educational purposes with parent or legal guardian permission. A parent or legal guardian must sign a HIPAA consent for each school year (which ends on Sept. 30th). A parent or guardian may request that the nurse’s access be taken away. However, for treating health care needs at school, the school nurse may still communicate with a provider.

Is Children’s Colorado Connect secure?
Children’s Hospital Colorado grants access to school nurses who:
- Are registered users who sign a Security User Agreement
- Understand and obey all applicable state & federal privacy laws
- Complete a training on appropriate use of Children’s Colorado Connect

I never imagined what a true gift having Children’s Colorado Connect access is in terms of saving me time, improving the quality of care I can give to my students and feeling like a true community partner in my role as a school nurse.

-School Nurse with Children’s Colorado Connect access