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This bill adds the adult children of a deceased patient to the definition of "patient" for purposes of Minnesota's Health Records Act.

By being included in this definition, adult children are granted certain rights that include, among other things, the right to access and be provided a copy of the deceased parent's medical records. This right is provided in current law for the surviving spouse and to the deceased person's parents, in addition to any other individuals designated by the patient.