

Health Care for Minors

Under normal circumstances we require the consent of a parent or legal guardian to provide health care services to a minor child (under 18 years of age). We understand that there are times when a parent or guardian is unable to accompany their child to the appointment. However, we cannot provide medical services to a minor who comes alone or with an adult that is not the parent or guardian if we cannot reach the parent by phone or do not have advanced consent to provide treatment.

Signing the Advanced Consent to Treat Minors below ensures that we can provide medical care to your child under the above circumstances. This form will be kept in your child's medical record. Consent remains in effect until revoked in writing.

Under Washington State law, minors have the right to consent to certain health care services without consent form a parent or guardian:

- If the minor is an emancipated (legally independent) or married to someone 18 or older.
- In the event of an emergency.
- For birth control or pregnancy related care at any age.
- For outpatient drug and alcohol abuse treatment at the age of 13.
- Outpatient mental health treatment at the age of 13.
- Sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV at the age of 14.

While we encourage minors to involve their parents or guardians in all aspects of their health care, minors can ask for confidentiality for the above services. That would prohibit us from releasing any information to anyone without the minor's written consent.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact our office @ 509-943-3196.



Advanced Consent to Treat Minors Form

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, authoriz	ze and consent to routine and emergency medical
treatment for my child when deemed	I necessary by qualified medical personnel on this date of
This autho	rization will be in effect until revoked in writing by me.
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Signature of parent/guardian	