

FACTS ABOUT MINOR CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

Most minors (ages 17 and under) are required to obtain a consent form from a parent or guardian before receiving prescription birth control, immunizations, or other primary and preventive health services.

Parental consent is NOT REQUIRED if:

- The minor is requesting ONLY pregnancy testing.
- The minor is requesting ONLY testing and treatment for certain sexually transmitted infections.
- The minor is 16 or 17 years old and lives apart from his/her parents and manages his/her own finances. The minor will be asked to sign a form stating that these are his/her living arrangements.
- The minor is emancipated.
- The parent(s) or guardian CANNOT BE CONTACTED – this means that the minor does not know how to contact the parents/guardian or know where they live or cannot reach them by phone or letter. This does not apply if the minor just does not WANT the parents/guardian to be contacted.

**IF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN CANNOT BE CONTACTED,
ANOTHER ADULT – GRANDPARENT, AUNT, UNCLE, BROTHER,
SISTER – MAY SIGN THE CONSENT FORM**

In summary, we can provide the following services without parental consent:

- **PREGNANCY TESTING**
- **TESTING/TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS**
- **INFORMATION ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL**
- **BIRTH CONTROL FOAM OR FILM**
- **CONDOMS**

For all other health services parental consent is required except as noted above (minor is aged 16-17 living apart & managing finances, or emancipated, or parent cannot be contacted/found).

Parental consent forms are downloadable on our website at www.wamhs.org or may be picked up at either WAMHS clinic for parents to complete. Parents do not need to be present at the time of services, but parents are always welcome to accompany their teens. We encourage parents to be involved in their teen's health needs.