



Park View Pediatrics

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Consent to Treat an Unaccompanied Minor / Adolescent Confidentiality

To Parents and Guardians of Minor Children:

The providers and staff of Park View Pediatrics (PVP) place great emphasis on the health and well-being of each and every patient in our clinic. As a general rule, we require the consent of a **parent or legal guardian** in order to provide health care services to a minor child (someone under the age of 18).

With so many parents working outside the home or with other commitments, we realize that you may not be able to accompany your child on every visit to the clinic. If the minor presents to the clinic unaccompanied, they must have documentation from the parent or legal guardian giving them consent for treatment. If they do not have consent for treatment the appointment will be rescheduled.

In an effort to provide the care needed and avoid having to reschedule your child's appointment, we have developed a **Consent to Treat an Unaccompanied Minor** form that, once completed by a parent or legal guardian, will be placed in your child's medical record for use as necessary. This form will allow us to provide routine and emergency medical treatment for your minor child when deemed necessary by qualified medical personnel. This consent form will remain in effect until revoked in writing.

By law, minors in the state of Colorado (CRS 13-122-103) have the right to consent to certain health care without a parent or guardian's consent. A minor may consent to medical care for the following:

- If the minor requests testing and treatment for drug / alcohol addiction
- If the minor requests treatment for mental health issues
- If the minor request treatment for sexual health issues (including birth control and pregnancy-related care and STD testing)
- If the minor is legally married
- If the minor is financially independent and living separate and apart from his/her parents

If a minor consents to care as allowed by law, he or she can request confidentiality for that aspect of care. This would prohibit us from releasing this information to anyone, including a parent or guardian, without the minor's express written permission.

It is the philosophy of this clinic to encourage open and honest communication between our minor patients and their adult caregivers in all areas including those noted above. For legal and other reasons, parent or guardian involvement may not always be possible. Rest assured that we would continue to provide health care services that are in the best interest of your minor child.

As always if you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact your child's primary care provider.