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2023 Vaccination Changes in Law

On May 17th, 2023, the Governor signed an amendment into law (SB1111/HB1380 <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/acts/113/pub/pc0477.pdf>), that states only parents or legal guardians of minors can consent for vaccination(s). This changes the previously given permissions for a delegated representative such as a family member, stepparents, or caregivers with power of attorney to provide consent for vaccination.

Children who are also in foster care or DCS custody will have to provide court ordered documents or other forms in paperwork. This will make it necessary for us to review all custodial forms on file and we may have to have further updated documentation.

To help parents/guardians that may not be able to bring the child/children in for appointments, we have an Advance Vaccination Form that may be signed. This will allow us to provide vaccines when patients are brought in by delegated representative. You can request this form from our office or download it from our website under the "Forms" tab. Due to this law, we will need the parent/guardian to drop this off prior to giving vaccines so we may verify the identity of legal parent/guardian and have proper documentation in our records. This will also need to be updated yearly or with each birthday.

We regret any extra hardships this will cause for our patient families and if you would like more information you can visit:

<https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/default.aspx?BillNumber=SB1111&GA=113> or
<http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/113/Bill/SB1111.pdf>

You may also reach out to our legislators to voice any concerns, hardships, or if you feel this bill will impede your child's healthcare. <https://capitol.tn.gov/legislators/>

Thank you for choosing Rainbow Kids Clinic and we appreciate you allowing us to continue to take care of your child/children.