

MINOR'S RIGHTS to Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Access in California

Minors are defined as youth younger than 18 years old

(source: National Center for Youth Law, www.teenhealthlaw.org)

Health Issue	Services a minor may receive	Will parent or legal guardian be informed?
Minors of any age may receive the following services on their own, without the consent of their parent or legal guardian		
Pregnancy	Prevention and treatment, including pregnancy test & counseling.	<p>NO. Parents will not be informed unless the minor provides a written authorization (agreement), if the services are provided through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family PACT • MediCal • Paid for at the time of service <p>YES. If the minor is on someone else's insurance plan, the insurance bill may show the type of service received. To protect confidentiality, talk to the provider and complete a Confidential Communications Request (downloadable from MyHealthMyInfo.org).</p>
Contraception/ Birth Control	All birth control methods, except sterilization.	
Abortion	Abortion services. <i>A minor of any age may consent to terminating a pregnancy. Check with clinic regarding type of services they offer.</i>	
Sexual Assault	Medical care related to the diagnosis, treatment and collection of medical evidence regarding the sexual assault.	<p>Parent Notification. The healthcare provider must attempt to contact the parent or legal guardian, unless they are suspected to have committed the rape.</p> <p>Official Report. This is considered child abuse and the healthcare provider must report it to the appropriate authorities. Investigators will have to disclose to parent/legal guardian that a report was made.</p> <p>Who pays for medical care? The law enforcement agency that receives the report and responds to the call.</p>
Rape <i>if a minor is under 12 years old</i>	Medical care related to the diagnosis, treatment and collection of medical evidence regarding the rape.	

Health Issue	Services a minor may receive	Will parent or legal guardian be informed?
Minors of 12 years old and over may receive the following services on their own, without the consent of their parent or legal guardian		
Rape	Medical care related to the diagnosis, treatment and collection of medical evidence regarding the rape.	<p>NO. Parents will not be informed unless the minor provides a written authorization (agreement).</p> <p>Official Report. This is considered child abuse and must be reported to appropriate authorities. Investigators will have to disclose to parent/legal guardian that a report was made.</p> <p>Who pays for medical care? The law enforcement agency that receives the report and responds to the call.</p>
Sexually Transmitted Infection/Disease	Medical care related to prevention, diagnosis or treatment.	
HIV and AIDS	Medical care related to diagnosis or treatment.	