

Dear Parent:

Re: Care of Unaccompanied Minor

Physicians to Children understands that in certain circumstances patients of legal driving age may access care in our office unaccompanied by a parent or other authorized consenting adult.

Parental consent generally is required for the medical evaluation and treatment of minor children. However, adolescents might require evaluation and treatment for urgent medical conditions in situations in which a parent or legal guardian is not available to provide consent or conditions under which an adolescent patient might possess the legal authority to provide consent. In general, any medical care necessary and likely to prevent imminent and significant harm to the pediatric patient with an urgent medical condition will not be withheld or delayed because of problems obtaining consent.

Our policy is to see unaccompanied minors only for urgent or “sick” visits or in cases when the adolescent patient has the legal authority to provide consent. We will obtain either a verbal consent from a parent when scheduling the appointment or fax the consent form to the parent for completion so the patient may bring the consent at the time of the visit. If we obtain verbal consent an authorization form will be sent home with the patient with instructions to complete and return the form to our office.

Please keep in mind, children under the age of 18 **must be** accompanied by a parent or guardian or other authorized adult for the services listed below:

Well Check-Ups/Routine Physicals  
Sports Physical  
ADHD checkups/evaluation/problem/initial evaluation  
Immunizations  
Screening Test  
Injury  
Major/ongoing illnesses

Please complete the attached Care of Unaccompanied Minor: Consent to Treat form and return it to our office by fax, mail in the enclosed envelope or with your child at the time of the visit.

If you have questions, please contact our office at (540) 344-9213)