



Briana, a 15-year-old girl who is covered by Medicaid, is requesting an IUD and does not have the consent of her parent. What do you do?

- a. Tell the patient that she has to come back with a parent's consent.
- b. Inform the patient that you can and will perform the procedure, but must call a parent to notify them.
- c. Explain to the patient that you can perform the procedure without parental consent, but her parents may receive an Explanation of Benefits.

Answer: (c.) Explain to Briana that you can perform the procedure without parental consent since she is covered under Medicaid, but her parents could receive an Explanation of Benefits.

Michael is 14 and is requesting a chlamydia test. He doesn't want to tell his dad, who's in the waiting room. Does he need consent from his father?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Answer: No. Minors may consent on their own to testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections. Maintaining client confidentiality can be an important part of insuring access to care.



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Jade is 16 years old. Can she receive a pregnancy test AND prenatal care without her parents' consent?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Answer: Yes. While no specific Louisiana law specifically addresses minor consent for contraceptive services, minors are generally able to consent pregnancy related care, including prenatal care related to labor and childbirth.

Which of these options below DO NOT require parental consent for a teen living with her parents?

- a. Adoption placement
- b. Sterilization
- c. Treatment for controlled substances or alcohol
- d. Abortion

Answer: (c.) Minors may consent to treatment of controlled substances or alcohol. All other options require a parent/guardian's consent.

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Carlos is 14 years old and needs mental health care. Which of these statements is true for him?

- He can consent to outpatient counseling without his parent's consent
- If he needs to, he can consent to depression medication without his parent's consent
- He needs to get his parent's consent for any sort of mental health treatment.

Answer: (a. and b.) Minors can consent to inpatient and outpatient mental health screening and treatment.

Which of the following require parent/guardian consent?

- Emergency care
- Abortion
- Contraceptives
- Vaccines

Answer: (b.)

- Abortion requires parent/guardian consent with the exception of a judicial bypass and medical emergency. However, since Roe v. Wade was overturned, abortion is largely banned in Louisiana for everyone and access to abortion services is limited.**

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