

**KINSHIP DECLARATION / MINOR CONSENT TO TREAT- PLEASE CHECK WHICH APPLIES**

**Kinship Caregivers Informed Consent Declaration for Minors**

Persons authorized to provide informed consent to health care on behalf of a child under the age of 18 must be a member of one of the following classes of persons in the following order of priority (RCW 7.70.065)

**The following declaration applies to a person in category checked off below:**

- A guardian or legal custodian appointed by the court
- Authorized by the court to consent to medical care for a child
- Parents of the minor patient
- A person to whom the minor's parent has given a signed authorization
- Competent adult representing himself or herself to be a relative responsible for minor's health care
  - A dated, signed declaration (under penalty of perjury) that they are responsible of minor is required.

I \_\_\_\_\_ am a relative / appointed representative of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (minor patient name)

Signing this Declaration for Minors, I am responsible for his or her health care under penalty of perjury.

Signature	Relationship to minor patient	Date
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**This declaration is effective for no more than six (6) months from the date on which it is signed.**

**Policy and Advanced Consent to Treat Minors**

An individual under age 18 is considered a minor and, for most medical care, must have a parent or legal guardian's consent. See also HIPAA privacy rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 82,810 (2000) (to be codified as 45 C.F.R. 164.506), which provides that a health care provider may exercise professional judgment regarding consent. However, state law allows minors the right to consent to certain health care without a parent or guardian's consent. A minor may consent to medical care:

- If the minor is emancipated (legally independent) or married to someone at or above age 18. (RCW 26.28.020)
- In the event emergency care is necessary. (When impractical to get parental consent first)
- For birth control and pregnancy-related care at any age. (See State v. Koome)
- For outpatient drug- and alcohol-abuse treatment beginning at age 13. (RCW 70.96A.095)
- For outpatient mental health treatment beginning at age 13. (RCW 71.34.500 and 71.34.530)
- For sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, beginning at age 14. (RCW 70.24.110)

If a minor consent to care as allowed by law. He or she can request confidentiality for that aspect of care, which would prohibit the health care provider from releasing this information without the minor's signed authorization.

If a minor is treated, needs consent, and the parent or guardian provide such consent, then the parent or guardian has the authority to request and release records and discuss care without the child's express written permission.

**Advance Consent to Treat a Minor**

I (we) the parent, or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ a minor, DOB: \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby authorize and consent to any x-ray, examination, anesthetic, prescriptions and or refills of medications, medical or surgical diagnosis rendered under the supervision of any duly licensed physician licensed under the provisions of the laws of the State of Washington. It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but is given to provide authority and power to render care which the physician in the exercise of his/her best judgment may deem advisable.

List any restrictions (i.e no prescription refills, treatment, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 (Minor's Parent / Legal Guardian) Date