

This table is a summary of state laws addressing the consent of minors to different types of healthcare services. Even when permitted by law, minors may only consent to medical treatment if they have the decision-making capacity to do so. Although many states limit the ability of minors to consent to contraceptives and the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), all family planning facilities in the United States operating under federal Title X are required to provide such services to all age groups and without regard to marital status.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

State	Consent for general medical care	Consent for abortion	Consent for contraceptives	Consent for prenatal care	Consent for STD treatment	Relevant state laws
Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors may consent if &gt;14 years old, a high school graduate, married, or pregnant</li> <li>• All minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	Alabama Codes 22-8-4,5,6,9; 22-11A-19; 26-21-3,4
Alaska	Minors may consent if the parent is unable or unwilling to consent, or if minor is living apart from parents and managing own affairs	Parental notice	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Alaska Stat. 25.20.025; 18.16.020
Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors may consent if homeless or married</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Not addressed by statute, but permitted by court opinion	Not addressed by statute, but permitted by "mature minor doctrine"	All minors may consent	Arizona Rev. Stat. 12-2454; 13-1413; 36-2152
Arkansas	Minors may consent if married, pregnant, or "of sufficient intelligence to understand and appreciate the consequences of the proposed surgical or medical treatment or procedures"	Parental consent	All minor may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Ark. Code Ann. 20-9-602; 20-16-508
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors may consent if &gt;15 years old, living apart from parents, and managing own affairs</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	>12 years old	Cal. Fam. Code 6920,21,22; 6924, 25,26,27,28,29; 6950; and Cal. HSC Code 123450

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Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors may consent if &gt;15 years old, living apart from parents, and managing own affairs</li> <li>• Minors may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> </ul>	Parental notice	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Col. Rev. Stat. 13-22-101,102,103, 103.5, 104,105,106
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married or are parents may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> </ul>	All may consent, but if <16 years old must be counseled	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Conn. Gen. Stat. 19A-215,216,582, 601
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor may consent if married</li> <li>• Minors may consent to urgent treatment if parent is unavailable</li> </ul>	Parental notice if <16 years old	>12 years old	>12 years old	>12 years old	Del. Code Ann. 707, 709,710
District of Columbia	Minors >17 years old may consent to blood donation	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	D.C. Code 7-1231.14; 7-1551.31
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emancipated minors &gt;16 years old may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;17 years old may consent to blood donation</li> <li>• Minors may consent to mental health treatment</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental notice	Only minors that have been pregnant, are married, or may suffer a “health hazard” if not provided with contraception	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Flor. Stat. 384.3; 381.0051(5); 394.4784; 743.06; 743.015; 743.065,66
Georgia	Married minors may consent	Parental notice	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor’s parent)	Georgia Code Ann. 31-9-2; 37-7-8
Hawaii	Minors >14 years old living apart from parents may consent	Minors >14 years old may consent	Minors >14 years old may consent	Minors >14 years old may consent	Minors >14 years old may consent	Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. 577A-1,2,3,4; 577D-1,2

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Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are emancipated, married, or living apart from parents and managing own affairs may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;17 years old may consent to blood donation</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent unless pregnancy is the result of rape or incest	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Minors >14 years old may consent	Idaho Code Ann. 16-2403(1); 18-609A; 37-3102; 39-3701; 39-3801; 66-318; 66-402(6)
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, pregnant, or are a parent may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are pregnant, married, or a parent may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent if referred by a clergyman, physician, or planned parenthood agency or when pregnancy would significantly threaten health</li> </ul>	All minors may consent	All minors >12 years old may consent	410 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 210/1,2,3,4,5
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are &gt;14 years old and emancipated or are living apart from parents and managing own affairs may consent</li> <li>• Minors who are married or in the military may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;17 years old may consent to blood donation</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Minors may not consent	Minors may not consent	All minors may consent	Ind. Code Ann. 16-36-1-3

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Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married may consent</li> <li>• Minors who have been convicted as adults and are incarcerated may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental notice	All minors may consent	Not explicitly addressed in state statute, but minors may consent	All minors may consent	Iowa Code 125.33(1); 135L.1; 139A.35; 141A.7(3); 599.1; 915.35(1,2,3)
Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors &gt;16 years old may consent when a parent is unavailable</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> <li>• Court decisions in Kansas have allowed “mature” minors right to consent to or refuse medical treatment</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Not addressed by state statute, but permitted by court opinion	All minors may consent	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor’s parent)	Kan. Stat. Ann. 38-122,123,123A,123B
Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, have had a child, or are emancipated may consent</li> <li>• Minors who have been convicted as adults and are incarcerated may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Ken. Stat. 214.185
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All minors may consent to medical treatment that the minor believes to be necessary, with the exception of abortion</li> <li>• Minors &gt;17 years old may consent to the donation of blood</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor’s parent)	All minors may consent	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor’s parent)	LA Rev. Stat. 40:1095,1096,1097; 40:1098.2, 1098.3; 40:1065.1

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Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, emancipated, or in the military may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent for mental health services</li> <li>• Minors may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent, or the minor may consent if counseling was provided	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	ME Rev. Stat. Ann. 22-1501,1502, 1052A; 22-1505; 22-1507; 22-1597A; 32-2595; 32-3292; 32-3817; 32-6221; 32-7004
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, incarcerated, pregnant, have had a child, or are living independently may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent for mental health services</li> <li>• Minors may consent for treatment following sexual assault</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental notice (the attending physician may forego notification if to do so would not be in the best interests of the minor)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	MD Code Ann. Health Gen. 20-102
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, pregnant, have had a child, in the military, or emancipated may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Mass. Ann. Laws 112-12E,F,S
Michigan	Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse	Parental consent	No statute, but all minors may consent based on federal right to privacy (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	No statute, but all minors may consent based on federal right to privacy (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	No statute, but all minors may consent based on federal right to privacy (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	Mich. Comp. Laws Serv. 333.6121
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, have had a child, or are living apart from parents and managing own affairs may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent to the Hepatitis B vaccine</li> </ul>	Parental notice	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	Minn. Stat. 144.341, 342,343,343; 144.3441; 144.3441; 144.345,346

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Mississippi	Only emancipated minors may consent (age of majority in Mississippi is 21 years old, however, minors >18 years old may consent to medical care)	Parental consent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are pregnant, married, or a parent may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent if referred by a clergyman, physician, or planned parenthood agency</li> </ul>	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Miss. Code. Ann. 41-41-3,13,14,53,203, 211
Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, pregnant, emancipated, or have had a child may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Married minors may consent	All may consent	All may consent	MO Rev. Stat. 188.028.1; 431.061.1
Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, pregnant, high school graduates, emancipated, or have had a child may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;16 years old may consent to mental health treatment</li> </ul>	All minors may consent (statute requiring parental consent blocked by court)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Mont. Code Ann. 40-6-234; 41-1-402, 403,404,405,406; 53-21-112
Nebraska	Minors who are married or living apart from parents (including college students residing in dorms) may consent (age of majority in Nebraska is 19 years old)	Parental consent	Married minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. 43-2101; 71-504
Nevada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, pregnant, have lived apart from parents for &gt;4 months or have had a child may consent</li> <li>• Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> <li>• In urgent circumstances, all minors may consent</li> </ul>	All minors may consent (statute requiring parental notification blocked by court)	Minors who are married, have had a child, or demonstrate maturity as determined by physician may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. 129.010; 129.030; 129.050; 129.060

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New Hampshire	Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse	Parental notice	Minors who demonstrate maturity as determined by physician may consent	All minors may consent (not addressed by statute)	Minors >14 years old may consent; physician may, but is not required to notify minor's parent of positive HIV status	NH Rev. Stat. Ann. 318-B:12-A; 141-C:18
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who are married, pregnant, or have had a child may consent</li> <li>Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental notice	Minors who are married or have had a child	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	Minors >13 years old may consent	NJ Stat. Ann. 9:17A-1,1.3,1.4,1.7,4,6
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors &gt;14 years old and who are either living apart from parents or have had a child may consent</li> <li>Minors &gt;14 years old may consent to mental health treatment and treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	All minors may consent (statute requiring parental consent blocked by court)	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	NM Stat. Ann. 24-7A-6.2; 32A-6A-14,15,16
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who are married or who have had a child may consent</li> <li>In urgent circumstances, all minors may consent</li> </ul>	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	NY Pub. Health Law 2504
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who are emancipated may consent</li> <li>Minors may consent for mental health treatment and treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	Not addressed by statute	All minors may consent	NC Gen. Stat. 90-21.5
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors &gt;16 years old may consent to blood donation</li> <li>Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction and abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Not addressed by statute	Minors may consent to treatment in the first trimester; physician must notify minor's parents after first visit in second or third trimester	All minors may consent	N.D. Cent Code 14-10-19

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Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who have been convicted as adults and are incarcerated may consent</li> <li>Minors may consent to treatment following sexual assault; parental notification required</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Not addressed by statute	Not addressed by statute	All minors may consent	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. 2907.29; 3709.241; 3719.012; 5120.172; 3701.242
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who are married or have had a child may consent</li> <li>Minors &gt;16 years old may consent to mental health treatment or treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Married minors or minors who have been pregnant may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Okla. Stat. Ann. 63-2601,2,3,4,5; 43A-5-502,503
Oregon	Minors who are >15 years old may consent (except when obtaining contact lenses for the first time)	Minors >15 years old may consent	All minors may consent	All minors >15 years old may consent	All minors may consent	OR Rev. Stat. 109.640
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who are married, have been pregnant, or have graduated from high school may consent</li> <li>All minors &gt;14 years old may consent to mental health treatment</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	PA Cons. Stat. Ann 10101; 10101.1; 10102-5
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors &gt;16 years old or married may consent</li> <li>Minors &gt;17 years old may consent to blood donation</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors >16 years old may consent	All minors >16 years old may consent	All minors may consent	RI Gen. Laws 23-4.5-1, 23-4.6-1; 23-4.7-6; 23-5-3
South Carolina	Minors >16 years old may consent	Parental consent for minors <17 years old	Minors who are married, >16 years old, or demonstrate maturity as determined by physician may consent	All minors >16 years old may consent	All minors may consent	SC Stat. Ann. 65-3-340
South Dakota	Minors >17 years old may consent to blood donation	Parental notification	Married minors may consent	Not addressed by statute	All minors may consent	SD Codified Laws 20-9-4.2; 27A-15-5; 26-6-7;34-23-16,18; 34-23A-7



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Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> <li>Judicial opinion supports consent rights for minors &gt;14 years old</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Minors who are married, have had a child, or who have been referred by a clergyman, school, or family planning clinic may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Tenn. Code Ann. 63-6-220,222,223,229; 68-34-107; 37-10-303
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minors who are married, incarcerated, or are in the military may consent</li> <li>Minors &gt;16 years old who are living apart from parents and managing own affairs may consent</li> <li>Minors may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Minors who are married may consent	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	All minors may consent (medical provider may, but is not required to notify minor's parent)	Tex. Fam. Code Ann. 32.003
Utah	Minors who are married, pregnant, emancipated, or who have had a child may consent	Parental consent	Married minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Utah Code Ann. 26-6-18; 26-10-9; 62A-15-301; 76-7-304
Vermont	Minors >12 years old may consent to treatment for drug addiction or abuse	All minors may consent	Married minors may consent	Not addressed by statute	Minors >12 years old may consent	VT Stat. Ann. 18-4226; 18-7503
Virginia	Minors may consent to mental health treatment or the treatment of drug addiction or abuse	Parental consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	VA Code Ann. 54.1-2969
Washington	Minors >13 years old may consent to inpatient mental health treatment	All minors may consent	All minors may consent	Not addressed by statute	Minors >14 years old may consent	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. 70.24.110; 70.96A.235,240,265; 71.34.500,520
West Virginia	Judicial opinion supports consent rights for all minors with capacity	Parental notification	Married minors and those who demonstrate maturity as determined by physician may consent	Not addressed by statute	All minors may consent	WVA Code Ann. 16-4-10

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Wisconsin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors may consent to mental health treatment or the treatment of drug addiction or abuse in certain circumstances</li> <li>• Specific statutes exist governing bone marrow donation by minors</li> </ul>	Parental consent	Not addressed by statute	Not addressed by statute	All minors may consent	Wis. Stat. Ann. 51.13,45; 146.34; 48.375
Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minors who are married, emancipated, in the military, or living apart from their parents and managing their own affairs may consent</li> <li>• Minors &gt;12 years old may consent to smoking cessation therapy</li> </ul>	Parental consent	All minors may consent	Not addressed by statute	All minors may consent	Wyo. Stat. Ann. 14-1-101

<sup>1</sup> National District Attorneys Association. Minor Consent to Medical Treatment Laws, 2013. Available at: <http://www.ndaa.org/pdf/Minor%20Consent%20to%20Medical%20Treatment%20%282%29.pdf>. Accessed May 9, 2015.

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<sup>3</sup> Coleman DL, Rosoff PM. The legal authority of mature minors to consent to medical treatment. Pediatrics 2013; 131: 786-793.