

ACCESSING HEALTH CARE FOR STUDENTS UNDER AGE 18

If you are under 18 years of age, state law requires us to contact your parents for most treatment at the Student Health Center (see exceptions listed below).

In California, according to the law, a person becomes an adult at age 18 years old. Under age 18, parents have the right to make most health care decisions. This includes the right to consent to health care. Because of this law, there are times when it will be necessary to speak with a parent or guardian as part of being seen here at the Student Health Center.

There are some situations when a person under 18 can get health care without parental consent. These situations are defined by California and federal laws. The following services **do not** require parental consent:

- Family Planning
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Mental Health Treatment and Counseling
- Pregnancy
- Drug and Alcohol related problems
- HIV/AIDS
- Sexual Assault Treatment
- Abortion
- Situations involving public health reportable infectious disease care
- Suspected Child Abuse Victims

Some people under 18 have a special status in California which allows them to seek care on their own. These include emancipated minors and minors living with complete financial independence separate and apart from their parents.

Unless your situation is listed above, we will need to contact your parents. While one of our nurses will make the official required call to your parents for a verbal consent to treat, it is helpful if you give your parents a call to let them know that we will be contacting them. If you are concerned about reaching your parents, please speak with one of our nurses.

If you are interested in knowing more about this issue:

http://www.teenhealthlaw.org/fileadmin/teenhealth/teenhealthrights/ca/07_CA_MinorConsentChapter.pdf

AUTHORIZATION FOR THIRD PARTY TO CONSENT TO TREATMENT OF MINOR LACKING CAPACITY TO CONSENT

(I) (We), the undersigned, parent(s)/person having legal custody/legal guardianship of

NAME _____ SID# _____

a minor, do hereby authorize the UCSC Student Health Center as agent(s) for the undersigned to consent to any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment, and care which is deemed advisable by, and is to be rendered under the general or special supervision of, any physician and surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act on the medical staff of the health center, whether such diagnosis or treatment is rendered at the health center or at a hospital.

It is understood that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required but given to provide authority to power on the part of our aforesaid agent(s) to give specific consent to any and all such diagnosis, treatment or hospital care which a physician, meeting the requirements of this authorization, may, in the exercise of his/her best judgment, deem advisable.

This authorization is given pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California.

(I) (We) hereby authorize any hospital which has provided treatment to the above-named minor pursuant to the provisions of Section 25.8 of the Civil Code of California to surrender physical custody of such minor to (my) (our) above-named agent(s) upon completion of treatment. This authorization is given pursuant to Section 1283 of the Health and Safety Code of California.

This authorization will remain in effect until the 18th birthday of listed minor.

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian/
Person Having Legal Custody
(circle relationship)

Date: _____

Signature of Parent (Other Parent)

Place Patient LABEL here