

Policy Title: Treatment of a minor not accompanied by and adult parent or guardian.

Effective Date: 12-1-1996

Definition: A minor is defined as a person under the age of eighteen.

Policy: The Pediatric Center Inc. is responsible for developing and implementing a written policy regarding the treatment of a minor not accompanied by an adult.

Procedure: When a signed release is not present in the child's file, sick visits will be handled on a case by case basis, with a qualified physician making the determination if immediate care is required. If immediate care is not required, the patient will be asked to reschedule and bring an adult to the following visit. When the child is scheduled for a physical and the signed release is not on file, the parent will be called by the nurse to ask for permission to perform all of the services recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. In lieu of having to track the parent by a telephone call, a letter signed by the parent allowing all relevant services to be performed will also be acceptable. Once a signed consent is on file in the patient's chart, the responsible party agrees to accept all procedures and charges associated with the child's visit to The Pediatric Center Inc.

I agree to the above stipulations in sending my minor child to The Pediatric Center, Inc. for services, including all services performed and all charges incurred.

Signature of adult, parent, or guardian

Relationship

Name of child / children

Date