

practice medicine, as a person of full legal age and capacity, the infancy of the said minor and any contrary provisions of law notwithstanding; and the consent shall not be subject to later disaffirmance by reason of minority; and the consent of no other person or persons (including, but not limited to a spouse, parent, custodian, or guardian) shall be necessary in order to authorize the hospital or clinical care or services or medical or surgical care or services to be provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine to the minor or minor's child.

(b) Upon the advice and direction of a treating physician or if more than one, any one of them, member of the medical staff of a hospital, public clinic or physician licensed to practice medicine may, but shall not be obligated to, inform the spouse, parent, custodian, or guardian of a minor in the circumstances enumerated in subsection (a) hereof, as to the treatment given or needed, and the information may be given to or withheld from the spouse, parent, custodian or guardian without the consent of the minor patient and over the express refusal of the minor patient providing the information; the providing or withholding of the information rests in the sole discretion of a member of the medical staff of the hospital or public clinic or the physician licensed to practice medicine, as the case may be. If the minor is found not to be pregnant or not afflicted with a venereal disease, no information with respect to any appointment, examination, test, or other medical procedure shall be given to the spouse, parent, custodian, or guardian of the minor.

(c) The provision of this section apply also to minors who profess to be in need of hospital or clinical care or services or medical or surgical care or services to be provided by a physician licensed to practice medicine, whether because of suspected pregnancy or venereal disease, regardless of whether the professed suspicions of pregnancy or venereal disease are or are not subsequently substantiated on a medical basis.

(d) Any consent given pursuant to the provisions of this section by a minor shall not be deemed to be valid if, following a delivery or other termination of a pregnancy, it is determined that surgery not directly connected with the pregnancy is required or shall be requested.]

(a) A minor shall have the same capacity to consent to medical treatment as an adult if one or more of the following apply:

(1) the minor has attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

~~(2) the minor has graduated from high school.~~

~~(3)~~ (2) the minor is married or the ~~mother~~ PARENT of a child.

~~(4)~~ (3) the minor seeks treatment or advice concerning venereal disease, pregnancy or contraception not amounting to sterilization.

~~(5)~~ ~~(6)~~ (4) in the judgment of a physician treating a minor, the obtaining of consent of any other person would result in such delay of treatment as would adversely affect the life or health of the minor.

(5) THE MINOR SEEKS TREATMENT OR ADVICE CONCERNING ANY FORM OF DRUG ABUSE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 (D) OF ARTICLE 43B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE.