

[[a]] (B) Any physician who is licensed or authorized to practice medicine in this State shall examine OR TREAT any child, with or without the consent of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian, to determine the nature and extent of any injury or abuse to the child if the child is brought to the physician:

(1) in accordance with a court order; or

(2) by a representative of a local department who states that the representative believes the child is an abused child.

[[b]] (C) If a physician examines a child under subsection (a) of this section and determines that [immediate] EMERGENCY medical treatment is indicated, the physician may treat the child, with or without the consent of the child's parent, guardian, or custodian.

[[c]] (D) (1) A physician who examines OR TREATS a child under [subsection (a) of this section or who treats a child under subsection (b) of] this section is immune from any civil liability that may result from the failure to obtain consent from the child's parent, guardian, or custodian for the examination or treatment of the child.

(2) The immunity extends to:

(i) any health care institution with which the physician is affiliated, or to which the child is brought; and

(ii) any individual working under the control or supervision of the physician or under the control or supervision of the health care institution.

[[d]] (E) (1) The ~~local--health--department~~ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE SECRETARY, pay for [all reasonable physician and health care institution] EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT charges that are incurred on behalf of a child who is examined or treated under ~~this-section~~ SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(2) The child's parent or guardian is liable to the ~~local--health--department~~ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE for the payments AND SHALL TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO SECURE HEALTH BENEFITS AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILD FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BENEFIT PROGRAM.

(3) THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL:

(I) IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE WHETHER A CHILD TREATED OR EXAMINED UNDER THIS SECTION IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS; AND