

Initiative 2023-2024 #141:  
Parental Consent for Health Care Treatment of a Child

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The single subject is parental consent required for children's health treatment.

*Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 19-1-132 as follows:

**19-1-132. Parental rights – definitions – consent for health treatment.**

**(1) Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(a) "CHILD" MEANS A PERSON LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE WHO HAS NOT BEEN EMANCIPATED;

(b) "PARENT" MEANS A PERSON WHO HAS LEGAL CUSTODY OF A CHILD, INCLUDING A NATURAL PARENT, ADOPTIVE PARENT, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

**(2) Parental consent for mental and medical health treatment.** A MENTAL OR MEDICAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER, PRACTITIONER, OR FACILITY SHALL NOT PROVIDE, SOLICIT, OR ARRANGE TREATMENT FOR A CHILD WITHOUT FIRST CONSULTING WITH AND OBTAINING SPECIFIC WRITTEN OR DOCUMENTED CONSENT FROM THAT CHILD'S PARENT, EXCEPT AS MAY OTHERWISE BE DIRECTED BY A VALID COURT ORDER:-

**SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability.** This measure shall be effective on and after the date it is declared by proclamation of the governor to have been adopted by the registered electors of the state and shall apply to instances occurring on or after the effective date.