



**NIMKEE MEMORIAL WELLNESS CENTER
2591 South Leaton
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48858**



Permission to Treat a Minor Without a Parent / Legal Guardian Present

Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center must receive permission from a child's parent or legal guardian before providing treatments for an injury or acute illness that is non-life threatening. This form gives Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center permission to treat your child in case you are unable to accompany him/her to the clinic for treatment.

Please Note:

- A parent/legal guardian **MUST** be present for their child's first visit at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, Medical and Dental Clinics.
- Minors may not receive immunizations without a parent or guardian present.
- A minor must be at least 16 years of age to receive certain types of treatment in the Medical / Dental Clinic without a parent/legal guardian being present and must bring in a completed "Permission to Treat a Minor" form.
- In certain circumstances, in accordance with Tribal, State and Federal laws, parent/guardian permission may not be needed for adolescents being seen for concerns of "heightened sensitivity" such as family planning, testing, counseling, and treatment for STI's.

Patient name: _____ Health Record Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Today's date: _____

I hereby authorize _____ (an adult into whose care, the minor has been entrusted) to arrange for and authorize routine and emergency treatment at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center.

[] Please initial here if you are authorizing a minor to seek and consent to treatment without an adult present. This consent applies to certain care, treatment and procedures as defined in the Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center policy for Medical / Dental Care of Minors.

In case of emergency, I can be reached at:

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____ Other: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name: _____ Relationship to patient: _____

[] Check here if you would like the authorization to be valid for 1 year

[] Check here if you would like the authorization to be valid ONLY for date of appt.

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SUBJECT: Medical / Dental Care of Minors

POLICY NO: G: 1-3

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POLICY:

- A minor will be referred to as any patient under the age of 18 years.
- Emancipated minors must provide a court document to confirm emancipation.
- A "Permission to Treat a Minor Without a Parent/Guardian Present" form will be completed by the parent / legal guardian in the event they cannot be present for the appointment and/or are giving permission to another adult to accompany them.

Dental Clinic:

- Dental care and treatment of minors may be provided for 16 and 17 year olds for the following procedures **only**: teeth cleanings, fluoride applications, recall exam and radiographs, and sealants. A "Permission to Treat a Minor without a Parent/Guardian Present" form must be appropriately completed and presented to the Dental Clinic at the time of visit.

Medical Clinic:

- Medical care of minors will be provided through Nimkee Medical Clinic only with a parent or legal guardian present or with a "Permission to Treat a Minor without a Parent / Legal Guardian Present" form appropriately completed unless the appointment is for family planning, testing, counseling and treatment of an STI, or a life threatening emergency.
- Minors who are 16 and 17 years old, and are without a parent or legal guardian present, may be seen for acute care **only**. At the time of their appointment they must present the "Permission to Treat a Minor without a Parent / Legal Guardian Present" form appropriately completed.

PROCEDURE:

1. Non-Emergency Care

- 1.1 A "Permission to Treat a Minor without a Parent/Guardian Present" form from the parent or guardian must be provided for a) another responsible adult (18 years or older) to bring a minor to receive medical or dental health care services at Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, or b) to allow patient to come alone, for certain procedures.

1.2 **Medical Clinic:**

- 1.2.1 Minors age 16 and 17 years may bring a "Permission to Treat a Minor without a Parent/Guardian Present" completed form from their parent or guardian.
 - 1.2.1.1 The form **MUST** be appropriately completed and initialed authorizing permission for acute care and treatment to be provided without an adult present.
 - 1.2.1.2 The form will include contact information, the parent/legal guardian signature, printed name, date and relationship.
- 1.2.2 A parent or guardian will be contacted and must be present for a minor age 16-17 if more extensive care, treatment and/or follow-up is needed.

1.3 **Dental Clinic:**

- 1.3.1 Minors age 16 and 17 years may bring a "Permission to Treat a Minor without a Parent/Guardian Present" completed form from their parent or legal guardian for specific treatments including: teeth cleanings, fluoride applications, recall exam and radiographs, and sealants **only**.
 - 1.3.1.1 The form **MUST** be appropriately completed and initialed authorizing permission for care and treatment to be provided without an adult present.
 - 1.3.1.2 The form will include contact information, the parent/legal guardian signature, printed name, date and relationship.
- 1.1.1 When a parent / guardian is accompanying a minor child (under the age of 18 years) to their dental appointment it is required that they remain in the dental waiting room or treatment room during the minor's entire appointment.
- 1.1.2 If the parent / guardian is unable to stay for the minor's entire appointment, the appointment will be rescheduled for a time that the parent/guardian can stay for the entire appointment.

2. Emergency Care

- 2.1 Medical / Dental staff must attempt to contact a parent or guardian before providing treatment, unless a delay is life threatening.
- 2.2 If the minor presents with a life-threatening situation, medical care will be provided to stabilize the condition.
- 2.3 Follow the emergency medical policy.

3. Family planning, testing, counseling and treatment for sexually transmitted infection

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3.1 Family planning services, testing, counseling and treatment for STI's will be provided to minors without parental consent required. All clinic visits will remain confidential. Minors will be encouraged to involve their parents in their family planning decision.



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