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## Understanding Third-Party Consent for Medical Care of Minors

This letter is designed to help you understand the regulations that apply to anyone under the age of 18 who requests medical treatment from Facey Medical Group.

**California law authorizes the parent(s) or guardian of a minor child (anyone under the age of eighteen years) to give informed consent for most medical decisions on behalf of the child.** Facey Medical Group requires that a parent, guardian or authorized caregiver accompany any minor who seeks routine care, such as a physical or vaccination. We will remind you of this when you schedule an appointment.

**A third-party consent form is available and will be honored only when there is a scheduled absence of a parent, such as vacation or business travel.** Caregivers (other adults over age 18 with whom the minor resides) may accompany the minor and grant consent only after filing a third-party consent form with Facey. The affidavit must be renewed annually and is available from the minor's primary care provider. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept letters from a parent or guardian granting consent to medical care.

If a minor is brought unaccompanied into one of our offices for an emergency or acute illness, we will contact the parent(s) or guardian of the minor via telephone to obtain verbal consent. Please note that we will not perform this action for normal or routine medical care. Emergency treatment may be rendered without consent only if, in the provider's judgement, there is a serious risk of disability or death.

In addition, there are certain types of situations where a minor may give their own consent to treatment, such as an emancipated or self-sufficient minor (as described by the California Family Code, section 6922). In these cases, the minor will be asked to provide documentation verifying their status.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please call your provider's office and we will happily assist you further.

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ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 888-311-9127 (TTY: 711).

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