

## **CONSENT FOR TREATMENT POLICY**

It is the policy of Pediatrics Plus, P.C. that either parent may consent for treatment of their child. In the event the parents are divorced, both parents still have consent for treatment of their child unless one or both parents have lost parental rights to the child. In this case, parents must provide Pediatrics Plus, P.C. with court orders. Also, if parents are divorced and one parent is the primary parent for “medical decision making”, this does not legally change the right of either parent to consent for medical treatment, unless one parent or both have lost parental rights of the child.

If the child is placed with a temporary guardian, i.e. grandparent, etc., parent(s) must delegate powers by providing Pediatrics Plus, P.C. with an Executed Power of Attorney that shall remain in effect for no more than one year. A temporary guardian does not require court approval but a Power of Attorney must be notarized. If a child is placed in DHR custody or a safety plan, court orders and/or documentation must be provided to Pediatrics Plus, P.C.

A permission form must be signed by Mom, Dad, or Legal Guardian (court ordered) granting permission for a non-parent or guardian to consent for medical treatment of the patient. If a person that is not listed on the permission form brings a child to the office, verbal consent must be given by calling a parent for consent. Mom and/or Dad must identify themselves by something personal on the chart; i.e. social security number, driver license #, etc. This verbal consent must be documented by employee in patients’ chart.

Minor patients 14 years or older must sign a Medical Records Release giving Pediatrics Plus, P.C. permission to disclose Protected Health Information to parent(s) or any other person they so choose. Minor patients 14 years or older must also understand that if claims for treatment are to be filed on the parents’ insurance, any PHI they do not want disclosed is beyond our control.

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