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CONSENT FOR TREATMENT OF A MINOR

If your child needs medical or dental attention, you as a parent must give permission. It's the law.

What about the time you can't be reached for permission? In cases requiring emergency care, a physician can act right away to treat your child. In other cases, a hospital will authorize treatment, but only after making an effort to contact you first, and that can mean unnecessary anxious moments for your child while someone tries to contact you.

You can prepare for any situation by making sure baby-sitters know where to reach you while you are away. For those times when it will be hard to contact you, you can give permission to other adults so that they can act for you in permitting medical or dental care for your child when you are not available.

This is a legal document. With it, you may appoint other adults to act for you. They may be relatives, friends, teachers, clergy, neighbors - anyone who is over 18 years of age and who can be responsible for your children when of age and who can be responsible for your children when you are away from them. It is especially important to prepare this form for the times when you know it will be hard to reach you. For example, when you are out of town, when you know you cannot be reached easily by telephone or other similar situations.

Turn this sheet over and fill out the form on the reverse side and give it to the adult(s) who can be responsible for your child while you are away. If your child needs medical or dental attention, the responsible adult should present this document to the appropriate person-physician, hospital representative or dentist.

(SEE FORM ON REVERSE SIDE)

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