

SECTION: MEDICAL LEGAL NUMBER: 07-001

SUBJECT: VENEREAL DISEASE-TREATMENT OF A PAGE: 1 of 1

MINOR

POLICY:

1. The Hospital staff must comply with Connecticut State Statutes regarding the examination and treatment of a minor with venereal disease (19a-216). Major provisions of the law include:

- A. Any municipal health department, state institution or facility, licensed physician or public or private hospital or clinic, may examine and provide such examination and treatment.
- B. The consent of the parents or guardian of the minor shall not be a prerequisite to the examination or to the treatment.
- C. The physician in charge or other appropriate authority of the facility or the licensed physician concerned shall prescribe an appropriate course of treatment for the minor.
- D. The fact of consultation, examination and treatment of a minor under the provisions of this section shall be confidential and shall not be divulged by the facility or physician, including the sending of a bill for the services to any person other than the minor, except for purposes of reports under Section 19a-215, and except that, if the minor is not more than twelve years of age, the facility or physician shall report the name, age, and address of that minor to the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families or his designee who shall proceed thereon as in reports under Section 17a-101.

2. Questions regarding the consent for treatment of minors should be referred to the Division of Clinical Social Work or the Hospital Attorney.

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