

Required Consent for Initial Visit/ Recall Visit/ True Emergency Visit

1. Any minor, (any person under the age of 18) will need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian in order to be seen by a Dentist in the clinic for an initial visit or recall visit. Exceptions are listed below and proper documentation is mandatory with no exceptions:
 - a. Any adult family member or temporary caretaker with a non-expired, written notarized consent affidavit (typed or written note) from a parent or legal guardian will be accepted to ensure a minor can be seen in the clinic for an examination (which includes x-rays) for diagnosis of dental needs:
 - b. The attending adult must bring a form of identification that can be used for signature verification to the appointment.
 - c. Any person appointed or granted by a court to consent medical or dental treatment of a minor is acceptable. Proper non-expired, court documentation is mandatory before examination can be completed.
 - d. Any emancipated minor shall be considered an adult for the purpose of consent to any dental examination or procedure as long as the minor has received a "declaration of emancipation" from the court or completes the NVHC Homeless Youth Dental Services Consent. Documentation is as follows:
 - i. Provide a copy of emancipation decree and/or
 - ii. Completed D.208(C)es Homeless Youth Dental Services Consent form.
 - e. Any emergency situation where immediate intervention is warranted due to trauma or any other truly emergent condition. This decision should be made by the attending Dentist.
 - i. Patient can be examined
 - ii. Patient may receive treatment if the attending doctor feels treatment is warranted and necessary. This can be done without parental consent, but a call to the parent or legal guardian will be attempted.
 - iii. The documentation in the minor's chart should adequately describe the situation.

Treatment Appointment: Minor w/o Accompanied Caretaker

1. Any adult acting as a temporary caretaker with a written notarized consent affidavit (typed or written note) from a parent or legal guardian will be accepted to ensure the minor can be seen for treatment in the clinic:

- a. Any treatment will require a face-to-face appointment with the parent or legal guardian to review the x-rays and the treatment plan. The parent or legal guardian must provide written consent and authorization of the treatment plan during the appointment before ANY treatment can begin.
 - i. Note: Attending Dentist has the right to require parent or legal guardian supervision at any appointment they feel may require more consent than the treatment plan describes. This notification will happen before an appointment to assure compliance from Parent/Guardian and to mitigate rescheduling.
2. Any adult with a written notarized consent affidavit (typed or written note) from a parent or legal guardian will need to remain at the facility while exams, x-rays or treatment is being conducted. If services are being provided on a mobile dental unit, the adult must remain inside the mobile unit or in the parking lot where it is stationed. A minor may not be dropped off for treatment.

NVHC does not need to obtain a Parental Consent if the following applies:

- 1) An emergency where immediate intervention is warranted due to trauma or any other truly emergent condition. This decision should be made by the attending Dentist.
 - i. Patient can be examined
 - ii. Patient may receive treatment if the attending doctor feels treatment is warranted and necessary. This can be done without parental consent, but a call to the parent or legal guardian will be attempted.
 - iii. The documentation in the minor's chart should adequately describe the situation.
- 2) Parent is accompanying the child.
- 3) Legal Guardian is accompanying the child.
 - i. Must have legal documentation in chart of legal guardianship.
 - ii. Legal guardian must sign financial agreement.



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- 4) The minor is emancipated.
 - i. Provide a copy of emancipation decree and/or
 - ii. Completed D.208(C)es Homeless Youth Dental Services Consent form