

BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

POLICY NO.: 4.8	SUBJECT: CONSENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS, MEDICAL, SCHOOL, AND OTHER
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PURPOSE:

To ensure that children in the custody of Butler County Children Services receive appropriate and necessary medical care and that staff of BCCS understand authorizations for medical care and other services.

POLICY: All children in the custody of the BCCS shall receive all appropriate and necessary medical care promptly from qualified medical providers. The Family, Children and Adult Services Manual establishes rules regarding the frequency of minimum medical standards for children in substitute care, Rules 5101:2-42-66.1 Comprehensive Health Care for Children in Placement.

PROCEDURE:

1. Parents should be involved in planning for medical care while their children are in BCCS custody. The child's worker is responsible for informing parents regarding routine medical care and recommendations for further treatment.
2. In the event of a medical emergency, the agency may give consent prior to informing parents and a physician may treat a child prior to receiving agency consent if necessary. The agency will inform the parents upon notification of the medical emergency.
3. In the case of serious or terminal illness, or serious or life threatening injury, the BCCS staff will assist in bringing together the Executive Director, family, physician, GAL, and foster parents in making plans for the child including appropriate treatment.
4. In the event of the need for medical treatment of a child who has been placed by the police prior to a complaint being filed in court, it is necessary to contact the court in order to receive permission for treatment.

PLANNED SURGERY: Planned surgery shall be documented in SACWIS in an activity log. The parents and GAL are to be notified. Consent by the Administrator must be received. The signed consent form must be sent to the hospital where the surgery will be held. In the event

the parents disagree with the planned procedure, the supervisor and Administrator will consult with the prosecutor in order to determine if a court review is necessary. A second opinion may be appropriate and helpful.

EMERGENCY SURGERY: During regular office hours an Administrator shall give verbal consent after discussion with the physician or hospital. If emergency surgery is necessary after hours, the after-hours supervisor may give consent and the Administrator must be notified the next working day or sooner if possible. Parents should be notified and if they do not agree with the decision the Executive Director shall be notified immediately.

CONSENTS AND AUTHORIZATIONS:

Foster Caregivers

- Permission to treat for routine medical and dental care.
- School enrollment forms.
- Permission forms for school trips.
- Camp enrollments.

Agency Screeners

- Permission to treat for routine medical and dental care.
- Emergency room treatment.
- Hospital admissions.
- Ambulance transportation.

Supervisor or Case workers with prior approval of the supervisor.

- Therapeutic consents to treat.
- Releases for school records.
- IEP participation.
- Releases of information for referral purposes.
- Releases for medical records.
- Emergency Room treatment.
- Routine medications.
- Hospital admissions.
- Ambulance transportation.
- Surgery with signed consent in the case record.

Administrator

- Surgery.
- Changes in dosage of psychotropic medication.
- Changes in psychotropic medication within the same classification.
- Consents for admit to psychiatric hospitalizations.
- Medical procedures that require anesthesia such as dental procedures and MRI

Executive Director and/or Designee

- Do not resuscitate orders. See Ohio's Do-Not-Resuscitate Law
- Hospice referrals
- Contracts for payments or services.
- Shared funding agreements.

Approval Date:

William Morrison, Executive Director