Minor Consent Medi-Cal: What It Is & How to Start It at Your SBHC



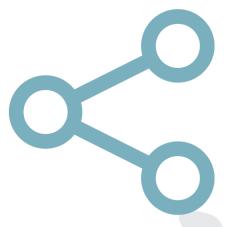




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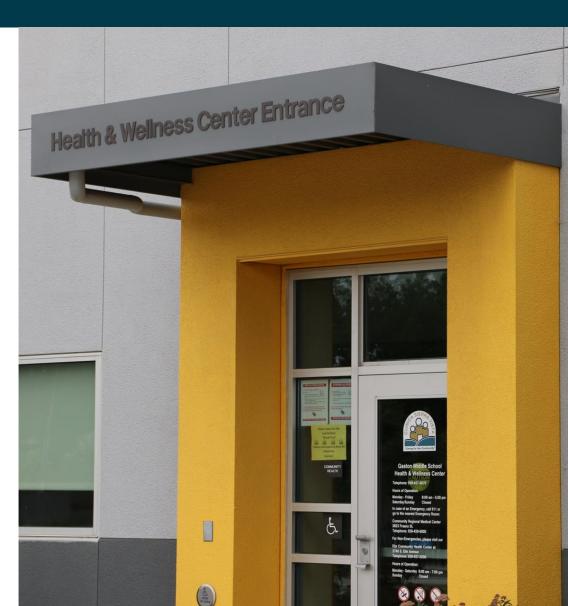


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Essential Access champions and promotes quality sexual + reproductive health care for all

- Clinic Support Initiatives
- Provider Training
- Public Policy + Advocacy
- Public Education + Linkages to Care
- Clinical Research Nationally recognized research center

Teen Reproductive Health Rights in California



Healthy Teens

Minor Consent Laws

- Empower youth to make health care decisions
- Expand access to time-sensitive care
- Improve overall youth public health
- Provide safety-net for teens in difficult family situations

Teen Rights in California

Any age

- Buy condoms/obtain free condoms
- Any birth control Plan B, IUDs
- Pregnancy testing + abortion care
- HPV vaccine

✓ Confidential

Regardless of immigration status

Age 12+

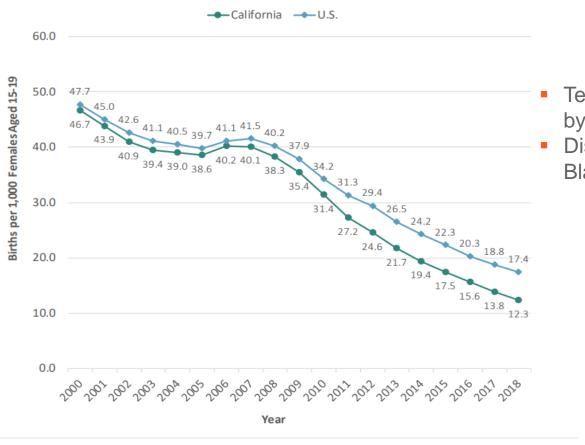
- STI testing + treatment (confidential after age12)
- Other sensitive services: mental health + substance use disorder treatment

Access Make Rights a Reality

- Free + low-cost care
- Easily accessible
- Confidential

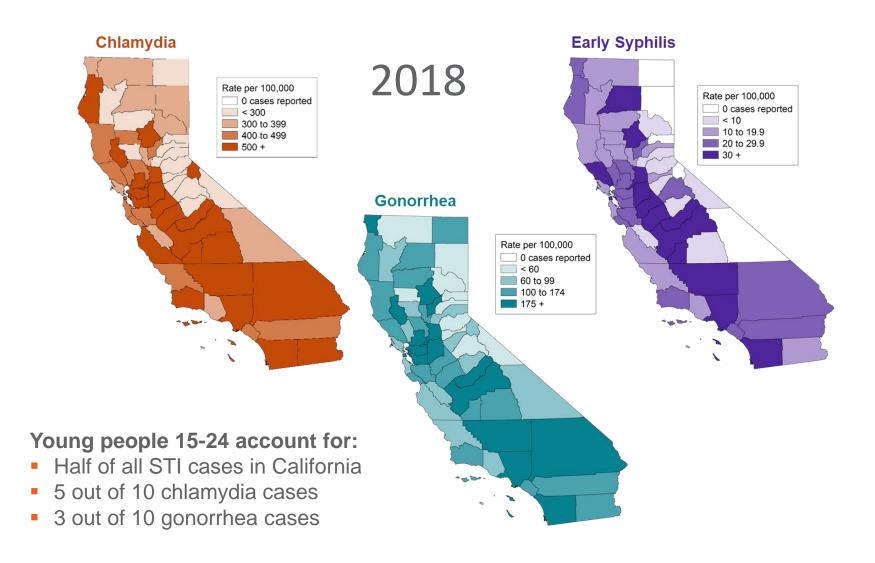
When Access Produces Results

Figure 3: Adolescent Birth Rate among Females Aged 15-19, California and the United States, 2000-2018



- Teen birth rates have declined by 60%
- Disparities remain for Latinx + Black youth

The Epidemic Before the Pandemic



Eligibility: Programs Available for Youth

	Medi-Cal Minor Consent	Family PACT
Purpose	 Provide access to full range of sensitive services 	 Provide access to family planning care for those at- risk of experiencing/causing unintended pregnancy
Income requirements	 Up to 138% of FPL based on individual income Other coverage okay 	 Up to 200% of FPL Based on family income Uninsured Insured but have confidentiality barriers
Age limit	Under 21 years of age	 Reproductive age
	Immigration status not an issue	

Covered Benefits	Medi-Cal Minor Consent	Family PACT
Family planning/birth control services	X	X
Pregnancy testing, options counseling	X	X
Abortion care	X	No
HPV vaccine	X	Not yet
STI testing + treatment	X	X
Mental health outpatient care	X	No
Drug + alcohol abuse treatment programs	X	No

The Path Forward: Improving Access for Teens



Expanding Teen Health Access + Equity

- Removing barriers to over-the-counter contraceptives
- STI coverage + care for all
- Expanding condom access for youth
- Improving program enrollment access points

Resources



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"I want my daughter to get the facts and know she can always come to me."

Keep your children safe + healthy...talk with them about sex!

Be a source of information and support.

As a parent, you want to help your kids stay safe and healthy. **All kids learn about sex somehow, but it makes a difference when they hear it from you.** Talk with your kids openly, honestly and often to help them learn how to prevent pregnancy and the diseases people can get from having unprotected sex.

Here are some basics to get you started:

Start now. The earlier you start, the easier it is. You don't have to be an expert. Just relax and learn with your child.

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Minor Consent Medi-Cal Services

Background

California Family Code provides that a minor may, without parental consent, receive services related to sexual assault, pregnancy and pregnancy-related services, sexually transmitted diseases, family planning, drug and alcohol abuse, and outpatient mental health treatment and counseling.

Minor Consent eligibility lasts one month. The minor must recertify with the county (either in person or via telephone) every month to retain services (except in the case of outpatient mental health treatment).

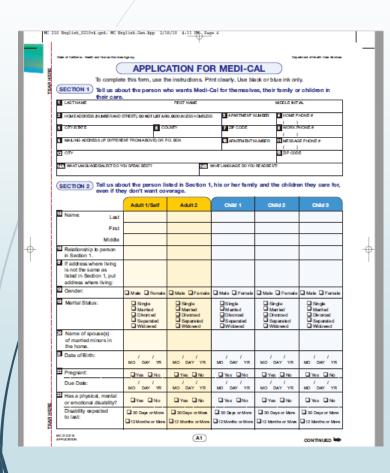
Minor Consent covers <u>limited</u> services to minors The appropriate aid code is determined by age and particular services needed.

Aid Code	Category of Service
7M	Restricted to minors who are at least 12 years of age and limited to sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, family planning, and sexual assault treatment.
7N	Restricted to pregnant minors of any age, limited to pregnancy and pregnancy-related services.
7P	Restricted to minors who are at least 12 years of age and limited to sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol abuse, family planning, sexual assault treatment and outpatient mental health treatment and counseling. This is the only aid code that includes outpatient mental health treatment.
7R	Restricted to minors under age 12 and limited to family planning and sexual assault treatment. This aid code is not to be used for outpatient mental health services or drug and alcohol abuse

Privacy

All Minor Consent cases are confidential.

- No correspondence should be mailed to minor
 - The minor's address should not be reported to MEDS.
- No contact should be made with minor's parent(s) or guardian(s)
- None of the following are required:
 - Social security number or identification
 - Income verification/documentation
 - Pregnancy verification



Minor Consent Intake

The MC 210 application is used for Minor Consent.

Hard copies available at county offices or can be requested via email.

Individuals may apply for Minor Consent coverage in person at the county office **OR** via telephone.

Minor Consent Intake

MC 4026 – Request for Limited Services

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/mc4026.pdf

During intake, EW should review MC 4026 with minor to ensure that the correct service needed is requested on the form and understands their rights and responsibilities. The MC 4026 is required at intake and each time a new statement is required from the mental health professional.

A temporary BIC should be printed and provided to minor, and be used as a form of ID.

If the application is over the phone, the eligibility worker should provide the BIC # telephonically, and let the applicant know they can pick it up at the county office. The BIC should never be mailed to the beneficiary.

In order to access services, the beneficiary should provide their BIC # to their Medi-Cal provider.

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Outpatient Mental Health Services: Aid Code 7P

- In order to receive outpatient mental health treatment under aid code 7P, an applicant must have a letter from a mental health provider that states the following:
 - [Minor] is mature enough to participate intelligently in the mental health treatment or counseling, and is one of the following:
 - (a) In danger of causing serious physical or mental harm to self or others without mental health treatment or counseling; OR
 - (b) An alleged victim of incest or child abuse
- The minor consent case may be approved, without the minor having to recertify or report to their EW each month, for the number of months covered in the statement provided by the mental health professional indicating the length of the treatment plan (to a maximum of 6 months).

Resources

Medi-Cal Eligibility Procedures Manual Article 4V

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/eligibility/Documents/MEPM/4V-MinorConsent-12-16-21.pdf

Minor Consent Provider Manual

<u>https://files.medi-</u>
<u>cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-</u>
<u>mtp/part2/minor.pdf</u>

Contact

- For additional questions regarding Minor Consent, please contact:
- Lucy Hall <u>Lucy.Hall@dhcs.ca.gov</u>
- Forms can be sent individually to the requesting county.
- Forms are not authorized to be duplicated or distributed to any other county or outside organization other than the county requesting the forms.

Q & A Session

Questions and/or Comments?

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