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## CONSENT TO TREAT A MINOR

### To Parents and Guardians of Minor Children:

The providers and staff of Laura Bruckner, M.D., Andrew Krasnoff, M.D., Helen Lederer, M.D., Catherine Marshall, M.D., Sloane Sevransky, M.D., Daniel Bruckner, M.D. Miriam Chan M.D. and Julia Bruckner D.O., place great emphasis on the health and well-being of each and every patient in our office. We appreciate that you have entrusted us to provide health care services to your minor child and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your child receives the best health care possible.

As a general rule, we require the consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to provide health care services to minor child (someone under the age of 18.) With so many parents working outside the home or other commitments, we realize that you may not be able to accompany your child on every visit to the office. If your minor child presents to the office unaccompanied, we will not be able to see the unaccompanied minor. If the minor presents in the company of an adult other than a parent or legal guardian, they must have documentation from the parent or legal guardian giving consent for treatment. If they do not have the consent for treatment the appointment will be rescheduled.

In an effort to provide the care needed and avoid having to reschedule your child's appointment, we have developed a *Consent to Treat a Minor* form that, once completed by a parent or legal guardian, will be placed in your child's medical record for use as necessary. This form will allow us to provide routine and emergency medical treatment for your minor child when deemed necessary. This consent form will remain in effect until revoked in writing.

By law, minors have the right to consent to certain health care without a parent or guardian's consent. A minor may consent to medical:

- If the minor is emancipated (legally independent) or married to someone at or above age 18
- In the event emergency care is necessary
- For birth control and pregnancy-related care at any age
- For outpatient drug and alcohol abuse related treatment beginning at age 13
- For outpatient mental health treatment beginning at age 13
- For sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, beginning at age 14

If a minor consents to care as allowed by law, he or she can request confidentiality for that aspect of care which would prohibit us from releasing this information to anyone, including a parent or guardian, without the minor's express written consent.

It is the philosophy of this medical office to encourage minor patients to include a parent, guardian or other trusted adult in all aspects of their health care including those areas noted above. For legal and other reasons, parent care services that are in the best interests of your minor child.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please contact your child's primary physician.