

Minor Disclosure - Last Updated 07/25/2023

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LAWS RELATED TO MINOR HEALTHCARE

Minors aged 12 and older have the right to consent to mental health treatment and counseling in the state of California, per Family Code 6924 and Health and Safety Code 124260.

Per Health and Safety Code 124260, for minors aged 12 and older:

"Parents must be involved in the minor's treatment, unless the provider determines, after consulting with the minor, that the involvement would be inappropriate. Involving parents in treatment will necessitate sharing certain confidential information; however, having them participate does not mean parents have a right to access confidential records."

Additionally, "when a minor consents to treatment under this statute, the provider can only share the related mental health records with parents or guardians when the provider has a written authorization from the minor."

MINORS REQUESTING SERVICE

Minors under 12 are required to be signed up for services by a parent or legal guardian.

Minors signing themselves up for treatment must provide contact information for at least one of their parents/legal guardians in the (emergency) contact fields provided in the Demographics Form and authorize their parent/guardian on the Release of Information document (to access billing and appointment/scheduling information at a minimum) unless:

- the minor provides written information to transformationcenter@bethel.com detailing why the involvement of their parent(s)/guardian(s) would be inappropriate. This information will be reviewed and we will follow up to advise whether we feel the parent should still be involved or not.

-Note: If the minor provides information that their parent(s)/guardian(s) should not be involved and we agree, the minor will have to provide a payment method not associated with

their parent(s)/guardian(s) or authorize their parent(s)/guardian(s) to have billing-related information on the Release of Information form.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS REQUESTING SERVICE FOR THEIR MINOR

Parents/guardians signing up their minors for treatment must provide their own contact information in the (emergency) contact fields provided in the Demographics Form and authorize themselves on the Release of Information document so that our team understands that they set up and/or are authorized the account. This is especially important if the minor is 12 or older.

Parents/guardians signing up their minors for treatment ("Parent #1) should also provide contact information for any other parents/legal guardians ("Parent #2) in the (emergency) contact fields provided in the Demographics Form and authorize them on the Release of Information document unless:

- "Parent #1" has determined that it would be inappropriate for "Parent #2" to be involved in the minor's account/sessions.

Note: If we received a request from someone claiming to be a guardian/parent and they are not listed as such, we will contact you to confirm. If they are a parent/guardian and you still believe it would be inappropriate for them to be involved, you may be asked to provide details and/or evidence (via email to transformationcenter@bethel.com) of why it would be inappropriate. This information will be reviewed and we will follow up with you.

AT AGE 18

Once the minor client has turned 18, they will be required to request and/or complete their own intake forms and will not be obligated to release their parents/guardians. If they do not release their parents/guardians we cannot discuss the account (including any payment information) with anyone but the client, even if the payment method provided by the client belongs to someone other than the client.

NOTE: This document is subject to change and will be superseded by the most current version. See tcbethel.com/portal at any time to confirm if there is an updated version of this document.

BY SIGNING BELOW I AGREE THAT I HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND AGREE TO THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.