



CHAPTER 90  
ARTICLE 1A - TREATMENT OF MINORS

N.C.G.S. § 90-21.5.

Minor's consent sufficient for certain  
medical health services.

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- § 90-21.5(a)

Subject to subsection (a1) of this section, any minor may give effective consent to a physician licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina for medical health services for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of (i) venereal disease and other diseases reportable under G.S. 130A-135, (ii) pregnancy, (iii) abuse of controlled substances or alcohol, and (iv) emotional disturbance. This section does not authorize the inducing of an abortion, performance of a sterilization operation, or admission to a 24-hour facility licensed under Article 2 of Chapter 122C of the General Statutes except as provided in G.S. 122C-223. This section does not prohibit the admission of a minor to a treatment facility upon his own written application in an emergency situation as authorized by G.S. 122C-223.
- § 90-21.5(a1)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a health care provider shall obtain written consent from a parent or legal guardian prior to administering any vaccine that has been granted emergency use authorization and is not yet fully approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration to an individual under 18 years of age.
- § 90-21.5(b)

Any minor who is emancipated may consent to any medical treatment, dental and health services for himself or for his child.

APPARATUS I  
7 ACTS

## Amendment lineage

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| 1971                                                                        | 1996 |                                       | 2021      |
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| Nº                                                                          | YEAR | ACT                                   | CHARACTER |
| 01                                                                          | 1971 | c. 35                                 | ENACTED   |
| 02                                                                          | 1977 | c. 582, s. 2                          | AMENDED   |
| 03                                                                          | 1983 | c. 302, s. 2                          | AMENDED   |
| 04                                                                          | 1985 | c. 589, s. 31                         | AMENDED   |
| 05                                                                          | 1985 | 1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 863, s. 4 | AMENDED   |
| 06                                                                          | 2009 | S.L. 2009-570, s. 10                  | AMENDED   |
| 07                                                                          | 2021 | S.L. 2021-110, s. 9                   | AMENDED   |

APPARATUS II  
2 AUTHORITIES

## Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

| REFERENCE           | APPEARS IN | OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION            |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| G.S. 130A-135, (ii) | (a)        | "disease and other diseases reportable under" |
| G.S. 122C-223       | (a)        | "General Statutes except as provided in"      |

### APPARATUS III

## Citation

FULL SECTION

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