**Specific Services That May, Under Certain Circumstances, Be Provided**

**Without Parental Consent (Updated)**

* Mandated services such as abuse and neglect referrals to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services and/or the police (KRS 620 and juvenile justice services (KRS 635).
* Advice, diagnosis, and/or treatment ***by a physician*** for minors (no age limit given) regarding sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy, contraceptives, and substance abuse or addiction (Section 1, KRS 214.185)**\***
* Outpatient mental health counseling ***by a physician*** for individuals 16 years or older (Section 2, KRS 214.185)\*
* Medical, dental and other health services for a youngster of any age when, in the professional’s judgment, the risk to the minor’s health or life is such that treatment should be given without delay (Section 4, KRS 214.185)\*
* Outpatient mental health counseling for anyone 16 years or older who is seeking that counseling ***as the result of abuse by a parent or legal guardian*** (KRS 210.410)\*
* Other substance abuse treatment (no age limit given) (KRS 222.441)**\*\***
* Confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records (US Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service: 42 CFR Part 2, (4) d. 1)
* ***Voluntary*** admission to a hospital by an individual who is 16 years or older for observation, diagnosis and/or treatment for mental illness or symptoms of mental illness (KRS 645.030)\*
* Employment counseling, training, application, summer/part-time job development, vocational exploration, and development of job readiness skills do not require parental consent as there are no laws that address age limits or parental consent for these specific services. Please note, however, that intake and eligibility for Workforce Investment Act Youth Program do require parental consent.
* Employment of individuals 14 to 17 years of age as governed by U.S. and Kentucky Child Labor Law (information sheet on Kentucky Child Labor Law and summary of Child Labor Provisions of the U.S. Department of Labor)

**\***Under most circumstances, mental health and substance abuse professionals are reluctant to treat minors without parental consent.

**\*\***According to KRS 222.441, a minor’s consent for medical care or counseling for drug or alcohol abuse shall be as valid as if the minor was an adult.

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