

## **AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT A MINOR (under age 18)**

**State law prohibits hospitals from treating minor children, except in life-threatening situations, without first obtaining permission from the child's parents or legal guardian. This law is designed to protect all parties involved, but it can result in delays while hospital personnel attempt to locate a child's parent. By completing this form, care is provided without delay.**

In the event my child is presented to the Emergency Room for examination, diagnosis and treatment:

I/we the undersigned parent/s or legal guardian of (child's name) \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, do hereby voluntarily consent to allow authorized members of McDonough District Hospital's staff to use their professional judgment and render care to my child as they determine necessary. This care may include diagnostic procedures and appropriate surgical and medical interventions. I/we acknowledge that no guarantees have been made as to the effect of such treatment on my child's condition.

I/we further acknowledge that I am/we are responsible for all reasonable charges in connection with the care and treatment rendered during this period. When applicable, I/we authorize McDonough District Hospital and the physicians providing treatment to release medical information, as necessary, to insurance carriers designated in order to bill the account to the insurance carrier for consideration of payment.

_____ Parent/Guardian signature	_____ Relationship	_____ Date
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➤ ***In case of emergency, I can be reached at:***

_____ Home phone	_____ Work phone	_____ Other
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➤ ***Others that could be notified in my absence:***

_____ Name	_____ Phone
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**This form is valid for one year from date of signing. Please complete a new form after that time.**

**Child's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Chronic health problems: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last tetanus shot: \_\_\_\_\_