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PA Mental Health Consent Law FAQ

What does "inpatient treatment" mean?

All mental health treatment that requires full-time or part-time residence in a facility that provides mental health treatment.

What makes inpatient treatment consent different?

Once a child has been admitted to an inpatient treatment facility either parent or the child can request a hearing to determine if inpatient treatment is appropriate and necessary. The child will stay at the facility while the judge makes a ruling.

This option does not apply to outpatient treatment.

What about parental disagreement to inpatient treatment?

If a parent who has legal custody rights disagrees with the other parent about consent to a child's inpatient treatment, they can file a petition in the court of common pleas and a hearing will take place within 72 hours of the filing.



Want to learn more or read the law yourself? Click here or scan this QR code.

<https://www.paparentandfamilyalliance.org/mental-health-faq>

What about children under the age of 14?

Parental consent is required for children under age 14 to receive mental health treatment

Who can consent to a minor receiving mental health treatment?

- Parents or legal guardians
- A minor between the ages of 14-17

I Agree ☐

Can a parent refuse to allow treatment once a child (age 14-17) has consented?

no

Can a child (age 14-17) refuse treatment once a parent has consented?

no

Can a parent say no after another parent already said yes?

no

What happens if a child (age 14 - 17) takes away their consent?

The treatment will be stopped **UNLESS** a parent or legal guardian gives their consent; in that case the treatment will continue.



We understand because we've been there.

The Parent Alliance support parents anywhere in the state of PA who have children who are struggling with social, emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges including substance abuse.

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