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Authorization for Medical Treatment of Minors

If your child needs medical, dental or hospital services a parent must give permission. It's the law. What if you cannot be reached to give permission? A child may be treated without parental consent when a physician determines a true emergency exists. A true emergency means the child needs immediate medical care and attempting to obtain parental consent would result in a delay that could increase the risk to the child's life or health.

Sometimes, however, a child may need unexpected care which is not a true emergency. In such cases, attempting to contact a parent for permission can delay treatment and create unnecessary anxiety for the child. To alleviate treatment delays, make sure your child's caregivers know how to contact you at all times. When it may be difficult to contact you, you can appoint an adult to consent to medical treatment for you.

This document allows you to appoint relatives, friends, caregivers- anyone 18 years of age or older- to consent to medical treatment for your child. A copy will be placed in your child's medical record. If you child needs medical care, the designated adult should present this document at the time of treatment. It is especially important to prepare this form for those occasions when we may be unable to reach you.

Name of minors	Date of Birth	Allergies/Special Conditions
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I/we, being the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above minor(s) hereby appoint:

Name	Address	Phone Number
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

to authorize medical care for the named minor(s) during the period from _____ to _____ or indefinitely if no time period is entered.

This document shall be presented to a physician or physician appropriated representative at the time any unexpected medical care may be required.

Signature

Date