

## Policy on Treating Minors

This policy is based on § 32.001 Consent to Treatment of Child by Non-parent from the Family Code under The Texas Constitution and Statutes. A minor is defined as a patient under the age of 18.

### Policy:

Louetta Family Medicine may treat a minor with a signed **Authorization to Treat Form** and is accompanied by one of the following:

1. A grandparent of a child
2. An adult brother or sister of the child
3. An adult aunt or uncle of the child
4. Legal guardian
5. Caretaker

### Procedure:

1. A parent must accompany a minor during their **New Patient** visit. Succeeding visits may be accompanied by a person defined above with a signed **Authorization to Treat Form**.
2. Minors **cannot** be evaluated without an accompanying adult during the visit unless if they are seen for STD, Pregnancy and Birth Control.
3. Minor patients must have consent to treat on file. **Authorization to Treat Form** must be completed by a parent / or the person who has the right to consent identifying the people who can accompany the minor indicating the relationship.
4. If a parent failed to complete **Authorization to Treat Form**, the parent must fax letter of authorization along with a copy of the parent's driver's license.
5. Accompanying adult must present ID during the visit for proper identification.