

Chapter 5 Client Rights

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Policy 5000 Minors and Parental Consent

In Washington State, a minor who is 14 or older may be tested and treated for STD and HIV without the consent from a parent or legal guardian (RCW 70.24.110 and OPA Program Policy Notice 2014-01). The Washington State STD Program reports any individual under the age of 14 who tests positive for a reportable STD to the client's local health jurisdiction for possible referral to child protective services.

In Washington State, a minor may receive reproductive health care and birth control services at any age. Written consent from the minor's parent or guardian is not required (RCW 9.02.100).

In Washington State the age of majority is 18. (RCW 26.28.010)

Related References

[RCW 9.02.100](#), Reproductive Privacy

[RCW 13.64.010](#), Emancipation of Minor

[RCW 26.28.010](#), Age of Majority

[RCW 70.24.110](#), Minors—Treatment, consent, liability for payment for care

[OPA Program Policy Notice 2014-01](#)

Policy 5100 Mandatory Reporting

Family Planning contractors must comply with state law that requires reporting suspected child maltreatment and sexual abuse. (PR, RCW 9.68A, OPA Program Policy Notice 2014-01)

Related References

[PR 9.12](#), mandatory reporting

[RCW 9.68A](#), sexual exploitation of children

[OPA Program Policy Notice 2014-01](#)

Policy 5200 Human Trafficking Reporting

Washington law prohibits a person using force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against their will. Family planning contractors must report suspected human trafficking (RCW 9A.40.100).

Related References

[RCW 9A.40.100](#), Trafficking

Policy 5300 Research

Agencies must notify Washington State Department of Health Family Planning program in writing with any plans to conduct clinical or sociological research that involves clients served with either state or federal funds. Agencies must comply with all state and federal policies related to the protection of human subjects. (45 CFR 46; PR)

Related References

[45 CFR 46](#), Protection of human subjects

[PR 13.4](#), Human subjects clearance (research)