



429.03 Medical Consent - Medically Fragile Children



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When a medically fragile child initially enters the agency's custody, consideration should be given to obtaining legal authority to consent to all medical treatments at the earliest court hearing. The agency continues to support and encourage parental involvement when consent is needed for a medical procedure. However, when a child needs repeated medical treatments and the parent/guardian is not available or is not willing to consent to recommended medical treatments, the agency should obtain court authority to consent to major medical procedures to prevent delays in obtaining medical care for the child.

Adoption Specialist

1. Confers with the parent/guardian and determines their willingness to cooperate and consent to recommended medical treatment;
2. If necessary, staffs the case to determine if court intervention is needed for major surgery or high risk procedures; and
3. Follows agency approval procedures when a child needs medical treatment.

Referenced Documents

Revision Comments