



POLICY: CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT OF UNATTENDED MINORS

To Parents and Guardians of Minor children under the age of 18:

The providers and staff at Northside Vision, LLC appreciate that you have entrusted us to provide health care services to your minor child and we look forward to working with you to ensure that your child receives the best health care possible.

As a general rule, **we require the consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to provide health care services to a minor child (someone under the age of 18)**. With so many parents working outside the home or with other commitments, we realize that you may not be able to accompany your child on every visit to the office. If your minor child presents to the office unaccompanied, we will not be able to see the unaccompanied minor. If the minor presents in the company of an adult other than a parent or legal guardian, they must have documentation from the parent or legal guardian giving consent for treatment. If they do not have consent for the treatment the appointment will be rescheduled.

In an effort to provide the care needed and avoid having to reschedule your child's appointment, we have developed a consent form that, once completed by a parent or legal guardian, will be placed in your child's medical record for use as necessary. This form will allow us to provide routine and medical treatment **(including eye dilation)** for your minor child when deemed necessary by qualified medical personnel. **This form will be in effect until we receive written notice to the contrary.**

Please see our list of forms on our website (**Northside-vision.com**) for this form.