

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 499**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Atkins  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Ma)**

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An act to amend Section 6926 of the Family Code, relating to minors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 499, as introduced, Atkins. Minors: medical care: consent.

Existing law allows minors to consent to specified forms of medical or dental treatment.

This bill would, in addition, allow a minor who is 12 years of age or older to consent to medical care related to the prevention of a sexually transmitted disease.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 6926 of the Family Code is amended to  
2 read:  
3 6926. (a) A minor who is 12 years of age or older and who  
4 may have come into contact with an infectious, contagious, or  
5 communicable disease may consent to medical care related to the  
6 diagnosis or treatment of the disease, if the disease or condition is  
7 one that is required by law or regulation adopted pursuant to law  
8 to be reported to the local health officer, or is a related sexually  
9 transmitted disease, as may be determined by the State ~~Director~~  
10 ~~of Health Services~~ *Public Health Officer*.

1     **(b)** *A minor who is 12 years of age or older may consent to*  
2 *medical care related to the prevention of a sexually transmitted*  
3 *disease.*

4     ~~(b)~~

5     **(c)** The minor's parents or guardian are not liable for payment  
6 for medical care provided pursuant to this section.