

Assembly Bill No. 499

CHAPTER 652

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

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 499, 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.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6926 of the Family Code is amended to read:

6926. (a) A minor who is 12 years of age or older and who may have come into contact with an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may consent to medical care related to the diagnosis or treatment of the disease, if the disease or condition is one that is required by law or regulation adopted pursuant to law to be reported to the local health officer, or is a related sexually transmitted disease, as may be determined by the State Public Health Officer.

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

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