

# Senate Bill 19

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## SUMMARY

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Allows minor 15 years of age or older to consent to diagnosis or treatment by optometrist without consent of parent or guardian of minor.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to minors; amending ORS 109.640 and 109.650.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 109.640 is amended to read:

5 109.640. (1) Any physician or nurse practitioner may provide birth control information and ser-  
6 vices to any person without regard to the age of the person.

7 **(2) A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent to:**

8 **(a) Except as may be provided by ORS 109.660,** [*a minor 15 years of age or older may give*  
9 *consent to*] hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a physician licensed by the  
10 Oregon Medical Board, and dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a dentist licensed by the  
11 Oregon Board of Dentistry, without the consent of a parent or guardian[, *except as may be provided*  
12 *by ORS 109.660*] **of the minor.**

13 **(b)** [*A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent to*] Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse  
14 practitioner who is licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is  
15 acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practitioner, without the consent of a parent or  
16 guardian of the minor.

17 **(c) Diagnosis or treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon Board of**  
18 **Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.335, without the consent of a parent or guardian of the**  
19 **minor.**

20 **SECTION 2.** ORS 109.650 is amended to read:

21 109.650. A hospital or any physician, nurse practitioner, [*or*] dentist **or optometrist** as de-  
22 scribed in ORS 109.640 may advise the parent or parents or legal guardian of any minor of the care,  
23 diagnosis or treatment or the need for any treatment, without the consent of the patient, and any  
24 hospital, physician, nurse practitioner, [*or*] dentist **or optometrist** is not liable for advising the  
25 parent, parents or legal guardian without the consent of the patient.  
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