

# **CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR MINORS IN NEW MEXICO**

**As addressed in the New Mexico Statutory Authority**  
[Last revised February, 2007]

## **§ 24-1-9 NMSA 1978 ... Sexually transmitted disease**

Any person regardless of age has the capacity to consent to an examination and treatment by a licensed physician for any sexually transmitted disease.

## **§ 24-1-13.1 NMSA 1978 ... Pregnancy**

A health care provider shall have the authority, within the limits of his license, to provide prenatal, delivery and postnatal care to a female minor. A female minor shall have the capacity to consent to prenatal, delivery and postnatal care by a licensed health care provider.

## **§ 24-8-5 NMSA 1978 ... Contraception**

Neither the state... nor any health facility furnishing family planning services shall subject any person to any standard or requirement as a prerequisite for receipt of any requested family planning service...[exceptions do not address age of client].

## **§24-10-2 NMSA 1978 ... Emergency Conditions**

... in cases of emergency in which a minor is in need of immediate hospitalization, medical attention or surgery and the parents of the minor cannot be located for the purpose of consenting...after reasonable efforts have been made..., consent can be given by any person standing in locus parentis to the minor.

## **§32A-6-14 NMSA 1978 ... Mental Health (including substance abuse) [Revised February, 2007]**

A youth fourteen years of age or older has the right to consent to and receive individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, guidance, counseling or other forms of verbal therapy (this does not include psychotropic medication). A child under the age of fourteen years may consent to initial assessment and early intervention services, limited to verbal therapy, not to exceed a two-week period. After the initial period, parental consent is required.