

Provider Notice

To: **All PerformCare Network Providers**
From: **Dan Eisenhauer, Director of Operations**
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Subject: **MH 21 100 Pennsylvania Act 65 of 2020**

This notice is to inform all network providers that The Pennsylvania legislature recently amended the act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under certain circumstances," further providing for mental health treatment and for release of medical records. These changes, effective September 21, 2020 provide clarity relating to when minors and parent/legal guardians can consent to mental health treatment and the release of the minor's medical records.

PA Act 65 of 2020 defines when a parent or legal guardian has the right to consent to inpatient or outpatient mental health treatment on behalf of a minor under the age of 18 without the minor's consent. It also has similar revisions relating to the release of the minor's medical records. It does not alter the provisions of PA Act 147 of 2004 allowing minors age 14 and older to consent to treatment.

Please read the full text of [PA Act 65 of 2020](#) for additional details.

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