

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1717 Electroconvulsive therapy or other procedure; consent.**

Sec. 717.

(1) A recipient shall not be the subject of electroconvulsive therapy or a procedure intended to produce convulsions or coma unless consent is obtained from the following:

- (a) The recipient, if he or she is 18 years of age or older and does not have a guardian for medical purposes.
- (b) The recipient's parent who has legal and physical custody of the recipient, if the recipient is less than 18 years of age.
- (c) The recipient's guardian, if the guardian has power to execute a consent to procedures described in this section.
- (d) The recipient's designated representative, if a durable power of attorney or other advance directive grants the representative authority to consent to procedures described in this section.

(2) If a guardian consents to a procedure described in this section, the procedure shall not be initiated until 2 psychiatrists have examined the recipient and documented in the recipient's medical record their concurrence with the decision to administer the procedure.

(3) If a parent or guardian of a minor consents to a procedure described in this section, the procedure shall not be initiated until 2 child and adolescent psychiatrists, neither of whom may be the treating psychiatrist, have examined the minor and documented in the minor's medical record their concurrence with the decision to administer the procedure.

(4) A minor or an advocate designated by the minor may object to the administration of a procedure described in this section. The objection shall be made either orally or in writing to the probate court. The procedure shall not be initiated before a court hearing on the minor's or advocate's objection.

(5) At least 72 hours, excluding Sundays or holidays, before the initiation of a procedure described in this section, a minor shall be informed that he or she has a right to object to the procedure.

(6) If a procedure described in this section is considered advisable for a recipient and an individual eligible to give consent for the procedure is not located after diligent effort, a probate court may, upon petition and after a hearing, consent to administration of the procedure in lieu of the individual eligible to give consent.

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