

ACCESS TO MINORS' RECORDS

Follow both the Washington and federal laws below.

RCW 70.96A.095

Age of consent -- Outpatient treatment of minors for chemical dependency.

Any person thirteen years of age or older may give consent for himself or herself to the furnishing of outpatient treatment by a chemical dependency treatment program certified by the department. Parental authorization is required for any treatment of a minor under the age of thirteen.

RCW 70.96A.230

Minor -- When outpatient treatment provider must give notice to parents.

Any provider of outpatient treatment who provides outpatient treatment to a minor thirteen years of age or older shall provide notice of the minor's request for treatment to the minor's parents if: (1) The minor signs a written consent authorizing the disclosure; or (2) the treatment program director determines that the minor lacks capacity to make a rational choice regarding consenting to disclosure. The notice shall be made within seven days of the request for treatment, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and shall contain the name, location, and telephone number of the facility providing treatment, and the name of a professional person on the staff of the facility providing treatment who is designated to discuss the minor's need for treatment with the parent.

RCW 70.96A.235

Minor -- Parental consent for inpatient treatment -- Exception.

Parental consent is required for inpatient chemical dependency treatment of a minor, unless the child meets the definition of a child in need of services in *RCW [13.32A.030\(4\)\(c\)](#) as determined by the department: PROVIDED, That parental consent is required for any treatment of a minor under the age of thirteen.

Follow 42 C.F.R. § 2.14