

STONE OAK CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY

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RE: Policy Update - Treatment of Minors

Treatment of patients under the age of 18 will be provided only with the consent of the parent or legal guardian. In cases of divorce, a copy of the custody agreement must be provided. Most custody decrees entitle the non-custodial parent to access the health record without consent from the custodial parent. By signing this consent form, the client acknowledges that he or she is the guardian (as established by the state or the divorce decree) of any minor presented for treatment. Patients under 18 years of age (who are not emancipated) and their parents should be aware that the law may allow parents to examine their child's treatment records.

***If the patient is a minor, he/she will not be seen without his/her legal guardian present.**

***For minor patients with parents who are divorced or separated, Dr. Rao requires both biological parents to be present before proceeding with a treatment plan.**

Patient Name: _____
(Please print)

Signature: _____ Date _____
Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian

Regards,

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