Minor Consent and Confidential Care for Adolescents: Legal issues, Barriers and Opportunities

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016
Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Topic: Minors in Minnesota have the right to seek care without parental consent for certain issues. Learn about legal requirements for health care providers, barriers to confidential care, what one clinic system has done to help ensure confidentiality for their young patients and how MN health plans are trying to address the issue.

Space is limited. To register, email Carroll.J.Helm@HealthPartners.Com
This webinar will be recorded and available for viewing later at http://www.stratishealth.org/pip/chlamydia.html.

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Who should participate: Health care providers, nurses, clinic administration, public health, health educators, social workers, school health staff, youth workers and anyone who interacts with youth.

Objectives:
Participants in this webinar will learn:
1. Identify the circumstances and medical conditions for which a minor can receive treatment without parental consent.
2. Understand when information cannot be shared with a parent without the minor’s consent.
3. Identify challenges and opportunities to providing confidential care to teens in a large safety-net hospital.
4. Describe key system changes that were implemented to provide better access to adolescent patients seeking sexual health care.
5. Identify how youth can direct their health plan communication.

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