



Pennsylvania

Department of State

CONSENT TO PRESCRIBE OPIOID MEDICATION TO A MINOR

Background: Pennsylvania law requires that in most non-emergency circumstances, a minor may only be prescribed opioid medications (morphine-like drugs) if the prescriber first discusses the potential risks associated with the medication with the minor and also with the minor's parent, guardian, or an adult who has a valid health care proxy to consent to the minor's medical treatment.

Form with fields: Patient Name, Patient's Date of Birth, Name of Parent/Guardian/Authorized Adult

Signature of parent/guardian/authorized adult and Dated fields

Form with fields: Name of Medication (brand or generic name), Quantity, Amount of initial dose, Number of refills.*

The medication being prescribed above is a controlled substance containing an opioid. This means the medication has been identified by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration as having a potential for abuse, dependence or misuse.

As the responsible prescriber, I certify that I have discussed with both the minor, as well as with the minor's parent/guardian/authorized adult the following items:

- (i) The risks of addiction and overdose associated with the controlled substance containing an opioid.
(ii) The increased risk of addiction to controlled substances to individuals suffering from mental or substance use disorders.
(iii) The dangers of taking a controlled substance containing an opioid with benzodiazepines, alcohol or other central nervous system depressants.
(iv) Any other information in the patient counseling information section of the labeling for controlled substances containing an opioid that I deemed necessary.

Signature of prescriber and Dated fields

* If the adult consenting to treatment is someone other than a parent or guardian (i.e. an authorized adult acting pursuant to a valid health care proxy), the prescription for an opioid-containing drug must be limited to not more than a single, 72-hour supply and must indicate on the prescription the quantity that is to be dispensed pursuant to the prescription. (35 Pa.C.S. 52A04(c))

This form must be maintained in the minor's record with prescriber