

Dear Participants on the RI Confidentiality and Mandatory Reporting Webinar,

We are providing further guidance regarding the HPV vaccine and minor consent in response to a question that was asked at the end of the webinar. Family Planning was in touch with the Team Lead for Immunization, and below is some additional information regarding this issue:

Federal law states that the "vaccine provider" must give a Vaccine Information Statement to parents or legal guardians of minors: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p2027.pdf> .

In RI there is no state law that addresses minors and vaccination but quite a while back guidance from the Office of the Child Advocate indicated that a minor must be emancipated to consent for vaccination: <http://www.child-advocate.ri.gov/ContactUs/index.php>

Based on the fact that RI does not have a law in this regard and federal law states that a Vaccine Information Statement must be given to the parent/guardian before vaccinating a minor, then RI follows the federal guidance that parents must be informed.

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