**Mature Minor Doctrine**

The Mature Minor Doctrine recognizes that certain minors may be emancipated and capable of making decisions regarding their health and well-being. This doctrine allows for exceptions to the general law that minors require parental consent to receive medical treatment. The doctrine is based on the principles of independence and autonomy, ensuring that minors can make decisions about their health without necessarily involving their parents.

The Mature Minor Doctrine is recognized in state law and can be found in some states as a part of the Education Act. For example, in Washington state, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act includes provisions for the Mature Minor Doctrine, allowing certain minors to consent to medical treatment in cases where parental consent is not feasible.

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The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act is a federal law that guarantees that homeless children and youths have access to a free and appropriate public education. The act includes provisions for the education of homeless children and youths who are not enrolled in school, have been expelled or suspended, or are not making adequate progress.

The act is administered by the U.S. Department of Education and is designed to address the unique educational needs of homeless children and youths, who may face challenges such as instability in housing, frequent mobility, and limited access to educational resources.

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**COVID-19 Vaccine**

Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH) has distributed COVID-19 vaccines to all eligible age groups. For more information, visit Washington.gov or call 1-833-VAX-HELP (1-833-829-4357).
**Vaccine Locator**

- Visit the Vaccine Locator at [vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov](https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov) or call 1-800-525-0127 for assistance.
- Check the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for more information.

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- Washington State Department of Health
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**Additional Resources**

- [McKinney-Vento](https://www.gov.wa.us/careavens)
- [CareAVans](https://www.doh.wa.gov/CareAVans)
- [State Department of Health Care](https://www.doh.wa.gov)

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

- McKnight-Vento
- Care-A-Van
- Vaccination Locator
- Patient Assistance Program
- Health Care
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 7.70.065

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