

5-02/110.05 - No Parental Consent

A peace officer may take a minor into temporary custody without a warrant if the minor is in need of medical treatment and the parents cannot be located to give consent and all of the following conditions exist:

- The minor is under 18 years of age;
- The minor is found on a street or in a public place; and
- The minor is suffering from any sickness or injury which requires medical care, medical treatment, hospitalization, or other remedial care.

NOTE: The Department, and specifically the Station/Unit, should exhaust all efforts to obtain parental consent and/or prepare all forms and comply with all procedures to ensure prompt acceptance of the subject.

A procedure for emergency medical care for minors, where there is no parental consent, has been adopted by the presiding judge of the juvenile court, the Probation Department, and the Department of Children and Family (DCFS) Services.

Hospitals operated by the Department of Hospitals of Los Angeles County, hospitals having contracts with the Department, and the Los Angeles City receiving hospital and its contract hospitals are prepared to handle cases under this procedure.

The minor shall be taken to the nearest contract hospital where the examining doctor shall be advised that medical consent is not available and the reason.
