

**35-4-131. Consent of minors to treatment; treatment of infected or exposed persons; immunity from liability.**

(a) Persons under eighteen (18) years of age may give legal consent for examination and treatment for any sexually transmitted disease infection.

(b) For the protection of public health, a physician, health officer or other person or facility providing health care in accordance with state or federal law shall for any individual regardless of age, sex, race or color:

(i) If reasonably suspected of being infected with any sexually transmitted disease, administer, refer for or recommend appropriate and adequate treatment;

(ii) If exposed to any sexually transmitted disease, recommend or offer treatment.

(c) Physical examination and treatment by a licensed physician or other qualified health care provider of a person under eighteen (18) years of age consenting to examination or treatment is not an assault or an assault and battery upon that person.