

# Senate Bill 971

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

## SUMMARY

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Permits minor 15 years of age or older to consent, without parental consent, to chiropractic treatment.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to consent of minors to chiropractic services; amending ORS 109.640 and 109.650.

2 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

3 **SECTION 1.** ORS 109.640, as amended by section 14, chapter 349, Oregon Laws 2021, is  
4 amended to read:  
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6 109.640. (1) A physician, physician assistant licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525, nurse prac-  
7 titioner licensed under ORS 678.375 to 678.390 or naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chap-  
8 ter 685 may provide birth control information and services to any person without regard to the age  
9 of the person.

10 (2) A minor 15 years of age or older may give consent, without the consent of a parent or  
11 guardian of the minor, to:

12 (a) Hospital care, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment by a physician licensed by the  
13 Oregon Medical Board [*or*], a naturopathic physician licensed under ORS chapter 685 **or a**  
14 **chiropractic physician licensed under ORS chapter 684**, and dental or surgical diagnosis or  
15 treatment by a dentist licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry, except as provided by ORS  
16 109.660.

17 (b) Diagnosis or treatment by a physician assistant who is licensed under ORS 677.505 to 677.525  
18 and who is acting pursuant to a collaboration agreement as defined in ORS 677.495.

19 (c) Diagnosis and treatment by a nurse practitioner who is licensed by the Oregon State Board  
20 of Nursing under ORS 678.375 and who is acting within the scope of practice for a nurse practi-  
21 tioner.

22 **(d) Treatment by a chiropractic assistant who is certified by the State Board of**  
23 **Chiropractic Examiners and who is acting within the scope of practice for a certified**  
24 **chiropractic assistant.**

25 [*d*] (e) Except when the minor is obtaining contact lenses for the first time, diagnosis and  
26 treatment by an optometrist who is licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010  
27 to 683.340 and who is acting within the scope of practice for an optometrist.

28 **SECTION 2.** ORS 109.650 is amended to read:

29 109.650. A hospital or a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, naturopathic physi-  
30 cian, **chiropractic physician, chiropractic assistant**, dentist or optometrist **providing informa-**  
31 **tion, services, care, diagnosis or treatment to a minor as** described in ORS 109.640 may advise

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [a] **the minor's** parent or legal guardian [*of a minor*] of the care, diagnosis or treatment [*of*] **pro-**  
2 **vided to** the minor or the need for any treatment of the minor, without the consent of the minor,  
3 and is not liable for advising the parent or legal guardian without the consent of the minor.

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