

HB 1128 -- MEDICAL CARE AUTHORITY

SPONSOR: Coleman (97)

This bill provides definitions for "emergency", "extraordinary", "nonroutine" and "routine" medical care in relation to the Missouri Children's Division within the Department of Social Services (DSS).

The bill allows DSS to give consent to routine and nonroutine medical care for a child in the Division's custody. Resource providers may only consent to routine medical care unless a court designates otherwise. Individuals 18 or older may consent to their own medical care unless restricted by the court. Decisions regarding extraordinary medical care will be determined by a juvenile court.

Emergency medical care must be recommended by a physician, surgeon, or dentist. Court orders by a juvenile or family court for medical care shall be considered informed consent for specified treatments and procedures, and all hearings for authorization of extraordinary medical care shall be expedited.