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**H 679. PERMIT NOTIFICATION TO TREAT MINORS.** *PERMITTING PHYSICIANS TO NOTIFY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR AFTER TREATING THE MINOR FOR VENEREAL DISEASE, PREGNANCY, ABUSE OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR ALCOHOL, OR EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE.* Amends GS 90-21.4(b) to permit physician to notify parent after treating a minor for venereal disease, pregnancy, abuse of controlled substances or alcohol, or emotional disturbance, unless physician believes notification would pose a serious risk to the life or physical health of the minor (was, physician prohibited from notifying parent without permission of the minor unless the physician believes that notification is essential to the life or health of the minor). Effective October 1, 2005.

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