



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1509

informed consent; signatures

Purpose

Requires informed consent obtained by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistant (PA) to include the dated signatures of the patient, a witness and the physician, NP or PA providing the health care service.

Background

Consent is informed if the person giving the consent has been informed of and comprehends the nature, purpose, consequences, risks and benefits of the alternatives to the procedure, and has been informed and comprehends that withholding or withdrawing consent will not prejudice the future provision of care and services to the client. In cases of unusual or hazardous treatment, experimental research, organ transplantation and nontherapeutic surgery, consent is informed if, in addition to the foregoing, the person giving the consent has been informed of and comprehends the method to be used in the proposed procedure ([A.R.S § 36-551](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires informed consent obtained by a licensed physician, NP or PA to include the dated signatures of the patient, a witness and the physician, NP or PA providing the health care service.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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