

IC 31-32-12

Chapter 12. Mental or Physical Examinations

IC 31-32-12-1

Mental or physical examination or treatment

Sec. 1. If the procedures under IC 31-32-13 are followed, the juvenile court may authorize mental or physical examinations or treatment under the following circumstances:

(1) If the court has not authorized the filing of a petition but a physician certifies that an emergency exists, the court:

(A) may order medical or physical examination or treatment of the child; and

(B) may order the child detained in a health care facility while the emergency exists.

(2) If the court has not authorized the filing of a petition but a physician certifies that continued medical care is necessary to protect the child after the emergency has passed, the court:

(A) may order medical services for a reasonable length of time; and

(B) may order the child detained while medical services are provided.

(3) If the court has authorized the filing of a petition alleging that a child is a delinquent child or a child in need of services, the court may order examination of the child to provide information for the dispositional hearing. The court may also order medical examinations and treatment of the child under any circumstances otherwise permitted by this section.

(4) After a child has been adjudicated a delinquent child or a child in need of services, the court may order examinations and treatment under IC 31-34-20 or IC 31-37-19.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.15.

IC 31-32-12-2

Temporary confinement of child

Sec. 2. (a) The juvenile court may order temporary confinement for not more than fourteen (14) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, to complete the mental or physical examination of a child.

(b) This section does not authorize a commitment under IC 12-26.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.15.

IC 31-32-12-3

Return of child after passing of emergency

Sec. 3. Whenever an emergency has passed or whenever medical care is no longer necessary under section 1(2) of this chapter, the child shall be returned to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian unless:

(1) a petition has been filed; and

(2) the court has determined under IC 31-34-5 or IC 31-37-5 that the child should remain in detention.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.15.

IC 31-32-12-4

Effect of chapter

Sec. 4. This chapter is in addition to, is not limited by, and does not limit IC 16-36-3.

As added by P.L.1-1997, SEC.15.