

Youth experiencing homelessness and youth receiving services at an approved “Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program” or a “Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP)” do not always have a parent, legal guardian, or legally authorized representative available to provide consent, creating a barrier to health care access.

New York State Public Health Law § 2504 allows youth under the age of 18 who are married, a parent, or pregnant to self-consent to medical, dental, health, and hospital service, including Health Home care management and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). The New York State Public Health law was expanded in 2023 to include youth under the age of 18 who meet the definition of “homeless youth” or youth who are receiving services at an approved “Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program” or a “Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP)” as those terms are defined in Executive Law § 532-a, and those youth may now consent to their own medical, dental, health and hospital services, without needing anyone else’s consent.

Instructions: This form acknowledges that the child/youth is aware that he/she/they meet the definition of homeless youth or that he/she/they are receiving services at an approved “Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program” or a “Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP)” and can therefore self-consent (give permission) for Health Home care management and or Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) enrollment.

Name of Health Home (Print): _____

Medicaid CIN: _____

Name of Child/Youth/Patient/Client (Print): _____

Date of Birth: _____

The child/youth meets one of the following criteria:

- Homeless
- Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program
- Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP)

By signing this form:

I am acknowledging that I understand that I meet the definition of homeless youth or am receiving services at a Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program or a Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP) and can consent to my own medical, dental or hospital treatment despite being under the age of 18 years old. Also, I agree to contact my care manager if my status changes.

Name of Child/Youth/Patient/Client (Print): _____

Signature of Child/Youth/Patient/Client: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of Care Manager (Print): _____

Signature of the Care Manager: _____

1. A parent, guardian, or legally authorized representative must sign consent unless youth meet the criteria below:

The child/youth is experiencing homelessness or the child/youth is receiving services at an approved “Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program” or a “Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP)” can self-consent for medical, dental, health and hospital services, including Health Home care management and Children’s Waiver of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), if eligible.

2. Who qualifies as homeless youth eligible to self-consent?

Homeless Youth:

- A. A person under the age of eighteen (18) who is in need of services and is without a place of shelter where supervision and care are available, **OR**
- B. Actively in receipt of services at an approved “Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program”, **OR**
- C. Actively in receipt of services from a “Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP)”.

3. How long can I self-consent for?

You can self-consent for as long as you meet the definition of homeless youth or for as long as you are receiving services at an approved “Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program” or a “Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP).”

4. What can I consent to?

You can consent to medical, dental, health and hospital services including enrollment in the Health Home care management and/or the Children’s Waiver of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), if eligible.

5. What laws and rules cover who is defined as homeless youth?

- Public Health Law §2504 (1), as amended by Chapter 107 of the Laws of 2023 authorizes homeless youth and persons receiving services at an approved runaway and homeless youth crisis services program or transitional independent living support program (as those terms are defined in Executive Law §532-a), to consent to their own medical, dental, health and hospital services, without needing anyone else’s consent.
- Executive Law §532-a (2), (4), and (6), for definitions of the terms “homeless youth”, youth “receiving services at an approved Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Crisis Services Program or Transitional Independent Living Support Program (TILP).”
- Social Services Law §371(10), for definition of “authorized agency” referenced in Executive Law §532-a(4)(b)