## §7004. Informed consent required for sterilization

1. Informed consent required. Except as provided in this chapter, prior to initiating sterilization procedures on any individual, a physician shall obtain and record the informed consent of that individual.

[PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]

- **2.** Hearing required to determine ability to give informed consent for sterilization. A hearing to determine ability to give informed consent for sterilization is required when sterilization is sought for:
  - A. Persons under age 18 years and not married or otherwise emancipated; [PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]
  - B. Persons presently under public or private guardianship or conservatorship; [PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]
  - C. Persons residing in a state institution providing care, treatment or security, or otherwise in state custody; or [PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]
  - D. Persons from whom a physician could not obtain informed consent. [PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).]

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**SECTION HISTORY** 

PL 1983, c. 459, §7 (NEW).

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