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POLICY STATEMENT

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Evaluation and Treatment of Minors

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1991

As an adjunct to this policy
statement, ACEP prepared a
policy resource and education
paper (PREP) titled
“Evaluation and Treatment of
Minors”

The medical screening, examination and treatment of an emergency medical condition of a minor in the emergency department should not be delayed because of consent issues. When clinically, legally, and ethically appropriate, adolescents independently treated in the emergency department should have their confidentiality honored.