
Did you know that some medical facilities in Aurora have doctors who will prescribe medicine and/or even perform surgery on YOUR children without first informing YOU?

Alderman Rick Lawrence has recently introduced an ordinance for the City of Aurora that would ensure that parents are notified when their children undergo a medical procedure. The ordinance is designed to protect children from their own immaturity and/or inexperience—as well as protect them from predators and unscrupulous people who would take advantage of our children. A child should have the guidance of a parent or guardian in making an educated decision regarding a medical procedure or medication. Without a parental consultation, it would be difficult for any doctor to know and/or be confident about a child’s medical history.

Taken from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

CCC 2228 “Parents’ respect and affection are expressed by the care and attention they devote to bringing up their young children and *providing for their physical and spiritual needs*. As the children grow up, the same respect and devotion lead parents to educate them in the use of their reason and freedom.”

In the City of Aurora, there are many laws that are designed to protect children from their own immaturity and/or inexperience. Some examples of the rules and laws are:

1. Schools are not allowed to give a child an aspirin.
2. Children are not allowed to bring cough drops or Chap Stick to school.
3. Children under the age of 16, who are not accompanied by an adult, have a curfew at 10:00 p.m. every night; the curfew is 11:00 p.m. for those 17 years old.
4. Children under the age of 18 cannot get their ears pierced without parental consent, buy or smoke cigarettes, enter into a contract, or purchase or own a toy gun.

NEXT WEEKEND, please take the opportunity to sign a petition asking the City Council to pass the ordinance introduced by Alderman Rick Lawrence for the safety and welfare of our children.

Children who are being abused by a parent will be exempt from notifying said parent by informing the doctor in writing. This may help children in bad situations to get the help that they need. The ordinance will undergo a number of revisions to hammer out the fine details, but the main point of it will be to notify parents for any medical procedure done on a minor child.

Go to www.FamiliesAgainstPlannedParenthood.org for more information about the ordinance and the petition. To read the full text of the ordinance, please click on “Help support the Parental Notice Ordinance.”
