**§4010. Spiritual treatment**

**1. Treatment not considered abuse or neglect.**  Under subchapters I to VII, a child shall not be considered to be abused or neglected, in jeopardy of health or welfare or in danger of serious harm solely because treatment is by spiritual means by an accredited practitioner of a recognized religious organization.

[PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW).]

**2. Treatment to be considered if requested.**  When medical treatment is authorized under this chapter, treatment by spiritual means by an accredited practitioner of a recognized religious organization may also be considered if requested by the child or the child's parent.

[RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §182 (COR).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1979, c. 733, §18 (NEW). RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §182 (COR).

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