

## **MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT – OUTPATIENT**

(405 ILCS 5/3-501) (from Ch. 91 1/2, par. 3-501)

Sec. 3-501. (a) Any minor 12 years of age or older may request and receive counseling services or psychotherapy on an outpatient basis. The consent of his parent, guardian or person in loco parentis shall not be necessary to authorize outpatient counseling or psychotherapy. The minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis shall not be informed of such counseling or psychotherapy without the consent of the minor unless the facility director believes such disclosure is necessary. If the facility director intends to disclose the fact of counseling or psychotherapy, the minor shall be so informed. However, until the consent of the minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis has been obtained, outpatient counseling or psychotherapy provided to a minor under the age of 17 shall be limited to not more than 5 sessions, a session lasting not more than 45 minutes.

(b) The minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis shall not be liable for the costs of outpatient counseling or psychotherapy which is received by the minor without the consent of the minor's parent, guardian or person in loco parentis.

(Source: P.A. 86-922.)