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- 1 Right to request patient information.** Requires a health care provider, if a family member inquires about a patient who is being diagnosed or evaluated for mental illness, to notify the family member of the right under existing law to have the provider ask the patient if she or he would like to designate a family member to receive information about the patient's treatment.
- 2 Voluntary treatment.** Pre-existing law allows a parent of a 16 or 17 year old to give consent for a minor of those ages to receive chemical dependency treatment in situations where the treatment is appropriate but the adolescent will not agree to it. The act allows a parent to give consent for mental health treatment for a minor of the same ages where the treatment is appropriate but the adolescent will not agree to it.