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1 Voluntary admission and treatment. Under current law, a person 16 or older can consent to voluntary chemical dependency treatment. Anyone under 16 may be admitted for chemical dependency treatment with parental consent and an independent evaluation.

The bill creates the following additional process for a person 16 or 17 years old who references to consent to treatment. The minor may be admitted for chemical dependency treatment with parent or guardian consent if independent examination shows the patient is chemically dependent and suitable for treatment. The examiner must notify the proposed patient and parent or guardian of this determination.