

**VERIFICATION OF STATUS AS AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS CHILD OR YOUTH
AND AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

For students under the age of majority

Unaccompanied homeless child or youth seeking health care services:

Name	
Date of Birth	
Contact Information	
Service Provider	

Individual certifying the status of the child or youth and authorizing access to health care services:

Name	
Title	
District and school	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Pursuant to Me. Rev. Stat. §22:1503, I attest to the best of my knowledge that the minor identified above seeking care: (1) meets the definition of a homeless child or youth under the federal McKinney-Vento program; and (2) is not under the supervision of a parent, custodian, or legal guardian.

Additionally, this form provides written notification that the individual and his/her employing school/district is not liable for any care or payment for any care rendered pursuant to this section.

Signature

Date

Me. Rev. Stat. §22:1503

A minor may give consent to all medical, mental, dental, and other health counseling and services if the minor is living separately from parents or legal guardians and is independent of parental support. The minor may prove that status with documentation including, but not limited to, a written statement from a nonprofit homeless services agency, local educational agency McKinney-Vento homeless liaison, or attorney.

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as "individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence." The act provides examples of children who would fall under this definition:

- Children and youth sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Children and youth living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of alternative accommodations
- Children and youth living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Children and youth abandoned in hospitals
- Children and youth whose primary nighttime residence is not ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation (e.g., park benches, etc.)
- Children and youth living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus, or train stations
- Migratory children and youth living in any of the above situations