



**STATE OF DELAWARE
BOARD OF NURSING**

[Senate Bill 114](#), signed by Governor Markel on August 6, 2013, establishes chaperone requirements for the treatment and examination of minors for several healthcare professions. Section 5 of the bill pertains to Delaware-licensed nurses. The following new requirements apply when a nurse provides *outpatient* treatment or examination of a minor:

- Regardless of the nurse's gender or the patient's gender, another adult must be in the room when a nurse is treating a child 15 years old or younger and the child is disrobed or otherwise undergoing certain physical examinations.
- Nurses must notify parents that the parents have a right to have an adult chaperone present when their child is being examined and must note in the patient record the name of each person present during treatment. The adult staff member must be at least 18 years old and should be of the same gender as the patient when practicable.
- Minor patients may request private consultation with the nurse without the presence of a third person after the physical examination.
- A written notice of these rights must be provided to the person providing consent to treatment or a notice explaining these rights must be conspicuously posted in a manner in which minor patients and their parent, guardian or other caretaker are made aware of the notice

For complete details, please read [24 Del. C. §1931](#) in its entirety. (Or, go to www.dpr.delaware.gov – click *Nursing*, then *License Law*, and scroll down to section 1931.)