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Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code

Illinois recently amended the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code (the "Code"). The Code now allows a written statement by a clinical professional counselor who has personally examined a minor to be submitted with an application for a minor's admission to a mental health facility. Previously, only a psychiatrist, clinical social worker and clinical psychologist were allowed to provide a written statement.

In addition, the Code now allows a court to rely on the evaluation of a licensed clinical professional counselor for a minor to be admitted to a mental health facility. Previously, only the evaluation of a psychiatrist, licensed clinical social worker, licensed clinical psychologist or the testimony of parent, guardian, person acting in loco parentis or other interested adults were considered.

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