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To Charles E. Crossland, Assistant to the President
University of Maine

. . . You ask if it is necessary for married students under age 21 to get the consent of their parents before receiving polio vaccine shots.

It is our opinion that they need not. However, a physician administering the shots will have to determine what will satisfy him in the way of consent.

Emancipation is an entire surrender of all right to the care, custody and earnings of a child. It may be accomplished by the marriage of one under age, contracted with the consent of the parent, and it severs the parent-child relationship as fully as though the child were 21 years of age.

After emancipation by marriage (assuming, of course, that such marriage was consented to by the parents), the consent of the married person is the only consent necessary in the instant case.

We would suggest that, in the event the shot is to be given to a minor married women, consent of the husband be also given in addition to that of the woman.

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Deputy Attorney General

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