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Patient Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

- To retain and exercise to the fullest extent possible all the constitutional, civil and legal rights to which the individual is entitled by law;
- The right to treatment in the least restrictive environment necessary to ensure the individual's welfare and achieve the goals of treatment;
- The right to privacy and dignity;
- The right to be treated with courtesy, consideration and respect;
- The right to discuss and have explained your rights in a language or manner you understand;
- The right to treatment without discrimination based on race, age, religion, national origin, sex, sexual preference, handicap, diagnosis;
- The right to participate in the development of your treatment plan and communicate with those involved in your treatment;
- The right to be informed of specific details about your condition, treatment objectives, options and recommendations and their potential risks and expected benefits in order to make informed decision;
- The right to refuse treatment;
- The right to have access to your file;
- The right to confidentiality of personal health information except when you provide specific authorization to release information or in emergency situations and other instances exempted by law (including threats of harm to self/others or suspected abuse);
- The right to lodge complaints, grievances, appeals or compliments in accordance with law;
- The right to protect services such as guardianships, advocacy services, child/adult protective services;
- The right to know payment fees and explanation of charges;
- The right to be informed of your rights, their limits and your responsibilities in your treatments.

(Adapted from NJ Department of Consumer Affairs, <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme/Pages/Patient-Bill-of-Rights.aspx>)

I have read and understand my rights as outlined in the Patient Bill of Rights.

Client Name or Parent/Guardian

Today's Date

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Today's Date

Witness

Today's Date