

## **Patient Rights and Responsibilities**

### **As a Patient, You have the Right to:**

1. Impartial access to treatment without harassment or abuse and without regard to race, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, handicap, national origin, or sponsor.
2. Reasonable physical access to HSSC.
3. Personal and informational privacy.
4. Considerate and dignified care with respect for psychological, spiritual, and cultural values.
5. A secure and safe environment for self and property.
6. The opportunity to communicate your concerns to HSSC staff.
7. Un-compromised care regardless of the presentation of complaints about the quality of previous care received in this center.
8. Strict confidential treatment of disclosures and records and the opportunity to approve or refuse the release of such information, except when required by law.
9. The opportunity to obtain complete and current information from the Medical Staff member concerning the diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis in terms they can be reasonably expected to understand. When it is not medically advisable to give such information to them, the information is made available to an appropriate person on their behalf.
10. To know, by name, the Medical Staff member responsible for coordinating their case.
11. The opportunity to participate in decisions involving their health care, including the right to refuse or accept medical or surgical treatment including medications, unless contraindicated by concerns for their health.
12. Information necessary from their doctor to give an informed consent prior to the start of any procedure and/or treatment including: significant medical risks involved; information and alternatives for medical care or treatment; consequences of not complying with therapy; and, name of the person responsible for procedures and/or treatment.
13. Voice any grievances regarding your treatment or care that is (or fails to be) furnished.
14. Be free from all forms of abuse and harassment.
15. Exercise his or her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.

### **As a Patient, You are Responsible for:**

1. Providing to the best of your knowledge, accurate and complete information about your present health status and past medical history and reporting any unexpected changes to the appropriate health care professional. Provide our staff with accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illness, hospitalization, prescriptions, over-the-counter medications, herbal remedies, dietary supplements and other matters relating to your health.
2. Following the treatment plan recommended by the primary practitioner involved in your care.
3. Providing an adult to transport you home following treatment and an adult to be responsible for you at home for the first 24 hours following treatment as needed.
4. Indicating that you clearly understand the contemplated course of action and what is expected of you.
5. Your actions if you refuse treatment, leave HSSC against the advice of your practitioner, and/or do not follow the practitioner's instructions relating to your care.
6. Assuring that financial obligations associated with your care at HSSC are fulfilled as expediently as possible.
7. Providing information about and/or copies of any living will, power of attorney, advance directive, or other directive you desire us to know about.