

HIGH FOCUS CENTERS - PATIENTS' RIGHTS

All Patients:

1. Will be informed of their rights and will sign a copy of their rights and responsibilities as a High Focus Centers' patient.
2. Have the right to be notified of any rules and policies the program has governing patient conduct in the facility.
3. Will be informed of the services provided at High Focus Centers and the names and professional status of all personnel providing those services and whether the program has authorized other health care and educational institutions to participate in his or her treatment.
4. Will be informed of all fees for service and the patient's responsibility for payment.
5. Will be informed if any other health care or educational institution will be providing services to High Focus Centers' patients.
6. Will be afforded the right to refuse participation in any research studies conducted at High Focus Centers without jeopardizing their right to receive High Focus Centers' services.
7. Will be provided with an explanation of his/her medical condition, treatment recommendations, risks, options and anticipated treatment results.
8. Will be afforded the right to be assessed for physical pain and provided with an appropriate referral to address the diagnosis, treatment and management of identified pain.
9. Have the right to participate in their treatment, to be free from unnecessary or excessive medication and to refuse medication and treatment at any time.
10. Have the right to voice grievances or recommend changes in policies and procedures to High Focus Centers' personnel, the governing authority and/or outside representatives of the patient's choice.
11. Have the right to be free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.
12. Have the right to be free from mental and physical abuse, corporal punishment, exploitation, and punitive interventions, including physical or pharmacological restraints.
13. Have the right to treatment in the least restrictive setting, free from physical restraints and isolation.
14. Have the right to privacy and dignity and the confidential treatment of all their medical information, unless they waive that right through the signed release of information permitting disclosure to the designated party. Additionally, all patients have the right to adequate notice of the uses and disclosures of their confidential medical information. Further, all patients have the right to restrict disclosure to insurers if services are paid in full out of pocket.
15. Have the right to be treated with courtesy, consideration, respect, and individuality.
16. Have the right to exercise civil and religious liberties, including the right to make independent personal decisions outlined in advance directives.
17. Have the right to be treated fairly and not deprived of any constitutional, civil or legal rights, regardless of age, race, religion, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or payment source.
18. Have the right to be free from any obligation to engage in the provision of any employment or services to the treatment provider.
19. The right not to be subjected to non-standard treatment or procedures, experimental procedures or research,... or provider demonstration programs, without written consent,. If the patient has been adjudicated incompetent, authorization for such procedures may be obtained only pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 30:4-24.2(d)2. **(HFC does not provide the above services; this right is listed as a requirement of DMHAS).**
20. Will be afforded the right to participate in experimental research only when the patient gives informed, written consent to such participation, or when a guardian or legally authorized representative gives such consent for an incompetent patient in accordance with law, rule and regulation **(HFC does not provide the above services; this right is listed as a requirement of DMHAS).**
21. Will be afforded the right to be notified in writing, and to have the opportunity to appeal, an involuntary discharge. **(HFC has a Referral Policy and does not involuntarily discharge patients without an appropriate referral. This right is listed as a requirement of DMHAS).**
22. Will be afforded the right to have access to and obtain a copy of his or her clinical record, in accordance with the program's policies and procedures and applicable Federal and State laws and rules. **(See also the Notice of Privacy Practices document).**