



## BILL OF RIGHTS

1. Each person has the right to considerate and respectful care and to be treated with honesty and dignity. AWARE recognizes that every person has unique feelings, preferences, personal needs, and requirements. AWARE provides opportunity for all people regardless of race, religious preference and cultural background.
2. Each person has the right to be informed of their medical condition unless contraindicated and so documented in medical records by their physician. Each person has the right to participate in the planning of their total care and medical treatment, to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law, and to be informed of the medical consequences of such refusal.
3. Each person has the right to be informed of all the rights, rules and regulations governing their conduct and responsibilities as a receiver of AWARE services.
4. Each person has the right to be fully informed of all services provided by this agency, and of changes made to those services.
5. Each person has the right to confidential handling of his or her medical and/or personal records. This information will only be released with individual written consent, except as required by law, under third party contract, emergency situations, or in case of transfer to another facility.
6. Each person has the right to refuse to participate in experimental research. If a person agrees to participate in research, a voluntary agreement form will be signed.
7. Each person has the right to a written appeal process in regard to actions taken by AWARE staff that affect the individual in an unsatisfactory way. Consumers are made aware of advocacy agencies available to assist them.
8. Each person has the right to be free of mechanical, chemical, and mental restraints or abuse. Use of physical de-escalation techniques will only be used if an individual is assessed to be a danger to self or others.
9. Each person has the right to continuity of care. Transfers and discharges will be made in accordance with team decisions. In the event of discharge due to non-participation, an individual will be given written notice of their right to appeal.
10. Each person has the right to refuse to perform any work/volunteer duties for this organization unless it is included on an individual program plan, which they have approved.
11. Each person has the right to be free from extreme or unnecessary use of medication.



12. Each person has the right to have the effects of various forms of treatment explained to them. This includes treatment goals and objectives, alternative treatment, and adverse effects of treatment.
  
13. Each person has the right to review their record and ask for corrections if in disagreement with the information in the chart.