§ 449A.106. Specific rights: Information concerning facility; treatment; billing; visitation: Patients' Rights

Every patient of a medical facility or facility for the dependent has the right to:

1. Receive information concerning any other medical or educational facility or facility for the dependent associated with the facility at which he or she is a patient which relates to the care of the patient.

2. Obtain information concerning the professional qualifications or associations of the persons who are treating the patient.

3. Receive the name of the person responsible for coordinating the care of the patient in the facility.

4. Be advised if the facility in which he or she is a patient proposes to perform experiments on patients which affect the patient’s own care or treatment.

5. Receive from his or her physician a complete and current description of the patient’s diagnosis, plan for treatment and prognosis in terms which the patient is able to understand. If it is not medically advisable to give this information to the patient, the physician shall:

   (a) Provide the information to an appropriate person responsible for the patient; and

   (b) Inform that person that he or she shall not disclose the information to the patient.

6. Receive from his or her physician the information necessary for the patient to give his or her informed consent to a procedure or treatment. Except in an emergency, this information must not be limited to a specific procedure or treatment and must include:

   (a) A description of the significant medical risks involved;

   (b) Any information on alternatives to the treatment or procedure if the patient requests that information;

   (c) The name of the person responsible for the procedure or treatment; and

   (d) The costs likely to be incurred for the treatment or procedure and any alternative treatment or procedure.

7. Examine the bill for his or her care and receive an explanation of the bill, whether or not the patient is personally responsible for payment of the bill.
8. Know the regulations of the facility concerning his or her conduct at the facility.

9. Receive, within reasonable restrictions as to time and place, visitors of the patient’s choosing, including, without limitation, friends and members of the patient’s family.