

## **PATIENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Psychiatry Associates, PC requires that your doctor recognize your rights while you are receiving health care and that you respect your doctor's and this facility's right to expect certain behavior on the part of patients.

### **RIGHTS**

A patient has the right to impartial access to health care treatment or accommodations, regardless of race, national origin, religion, handicap, or source of payment.

A patient has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect, with appreciation of his or her individual dignity, and with protection of his or her need for privacy.

A patient has the right to expect that all communications and records pertaining to his or her care will be treated as confidential to the extent permitted by law.

A patient has the right to know his or her doctor's qualifications, professional background and particular areas of expertise.

A patient has the right to know what rules and regulations apply to his or her conduct.

A patient has the right to fully participate in all decisions related to his or her health care. Patients who are unable to fully participate in treatment decisions have the right to be represented by parents, guardians, family members, or other conservators.

A patient has the right to receive information about diagnosis, planned course of treatment, alternatives, risks, and prognosis from the doctor, in terms that are easily understood.

A patient has the right to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by law, and to be informed of the medical consequences of these actions, including possible dismissal from the clinic and discharge from Psychiatry Associates, PC.

A patient has the right to receive, upon request, prior to or during treatment, a reasonable estimate of the cost for his or her medical care.

A patient has the right to receive a copy of a reasonably clear and understandable, itemized bill and, upon request, to have the charges explained.

A patient has the right to treatment for any emergency medical condition that will deteriorate from failure to provide treatment.

A patient has the right to know if medical treatment is for purposes of experimental research and to give his or her consent or refusal to participate in such experimental research.

A patient has the right to express grievances regarding any violation of his or her rights.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

A patient is responsible for providing to the doctor, to the best of his or her knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to his or her health.

A patient is responsible for reporting unexpected changes in his or her condition to the doctor.

A patient is responsible for reporting to the doctor whether he or she comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him or her.

A patient is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the doctor.

A patient is responsible for keeping appointments and, when he or she is unable to do so for any reason, for notifying Psychiatry Associates, PC.

A patient is responsible for his or her actions if he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the doctor's instructions.

A patient is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his or her health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.

A patient is responsible for following Psychiatry Associates, PC rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct, as stipulated in the Office Policies.