

II. CLIENT RIGHTS IN COMMUNITY SERVICES

A. OVERVIEW

There are 22 rights outlined in Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code that apply to consumers receiving public community mental health services. These mental health rights fall into the following major categories:

The Right to Dignity and Respect

- Dignity, Respect, Autonomy, and Privacy – Right #1
- Service in a Humane Setting with the Greatest Possible Freedom – Right #2

The Right to Informed Choice and Treatment

- Information of Current/Suggested Services – Right #3
- Accept or Reject Any Service – Right #4
- Current, Written, Individualized Service Plan – Right #5
- Active and Informed Participation – Right #6
- Participation in Any Service Even if Other Services Are Refused – Right #9
- Advance Notice if Any Services Are to be Discontinued – Right #15
- Clear Explanation of Denial of Any Service – Right #16

The Right to Freedom

- Unnecessary Medication – Right #7
- Unnecessary Restraint and Seclusion – Right #8
- Unusual or Dangerous Treatment – Right #10
- Intrusion of One-Way Mirrors, Photographs, Tape Recorders (audio or visual) and Movies – Right #11

The Right to Personal Liberties

- Consultation – Right #12
- Confidentiality – Right #13
- Read and Get Copies of Psychiatric, Medical or Other Treatment Records – Right #14
- Non-Discrimination – Right #17
- Know the Cost of Services – Right #18

The Right To Freely Exercise All Rights

- Fully Informed of All Rights – Right #19
- Exercise Any and All Rights Without Being Threatened or Punished – Right #20
- File a Grievance – Right #21
- Have Oral and Written Instructions for Filing a Grievance - Right #22