

CLIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

Federal law requires that all individuals receiving home care services be informed of their rights as a patient. Following is a model patient bill of rights the National Association for Home Care (NAHC) has developed, based on the patient rights currently enforced by law.

Home care patients have the RIGHT to:

- be fully informed of all his or her rights and responsibilities by the home care agency;
- choose care providers;

Client Signature

- appropriate and professional care in accordance with physician orders;
- receive a timely response from the agency to his or her request for service;
- be admitted for service only if the agency has the ability to provide safe, professional care at the level of intensity needed;
- · receive reasonable continuity of care;
- receive information necessary to give informed consent prior to the start of any treatment or procedure;
- be advised of any change in the plan of care, before the change is made;
- refuse treatment within the confines of the law and to be informed of the consequences of his or her action:
- be informed of his or her rights under state law to formulate advanced directives;
- have health care providers comply with advance directives in accordance with state law requirements;
- be informed within reasonable time of anticipated termination of service or plans for transfer to another agency;
- be fully informed of agency policies and charges for services, including eligibility for third-party reimbursements;
- be referred elsewhere, if denied service solely on his or her inability to pay;
- voice grievances and suggest changes in service or staff without fear of restraint or discrimination:
- be informed of what to do in the event of an emergency

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Client Name (Print)	Witness Signature	