

There are certain rights which are provided to you as a client of a Mental Health Center in the state of South Dakota. Your rights include, but are not limited to the following:

- **The right to confidentiality and privacy of all medical records and information given during treatment.**
- **The right to be treated with respect and dignity.**
- **The right to receive treatment that is responsive to your needs as an individual in a non-discriminatory manner.**
- **The right to actively participate in your treatment plan, including any changes in that plan.**
- **The right to know the reasons why a particular treatment is considered appropriate.**

- **The right to receive an explanation of diagnosis and prescribed medications and any side effects.**
- **The right to refuse any treatment or medication unless in an emergency, under a guardianship or court order.**
- **The right to be fully informed of the fees for therapy.**
- **The right to be free of any exploitation or abuse.**
- **The right to review your case records (some exceptions may apply as specified by South Dakota Codified Law).**
- **The right to assert grievances if your rights are violated.**
- **The right to have access to advocacy services at any time.**

The Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Program is a federally funded independent program authorized to safeguard and promote the rights of individuals with mental illness in South Dakota and to investigate specific reports or suspected situations of abuse and neglect in facilities.

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**All communications
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