

MATHERS RECOVERY CLIENTS RIGHTS

Patient Name: _____ Date _____/_____/_____

MATHERS RECOVERY believes that their clients have the right to appropriate services for the level of care being provided. The following are intended to enhance the dignity of the clients and protect their rights:

- A. Access to services will not be denied on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or HIV status;
- B. Client rights will be protected in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code [20 ILCS 301];
- C. Services will be provided in the least restrictive environment available;
- D. An HIV antibody or AIDS test is not required as a condition of treatment and clients are not required to sign an authorization for release of information concerning his/her HIV antibody test or HIV or AIDS status as a condition for treatment. Clients are not required to tell program staff, the executive director or anyone else whether s/he has been tested for HIV antibodies and/or the results of any such test. Clients who wish to be tested for HIV antibodies can do so on an anonymous basis and will be provided with a listing of organizations where HIV testing is conducted;
- E. The right to nondiscriminatory access to services as specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Human Rights Act [775 ILCS 5];
- F. The right to give or withhold informed consent regarding treatment and regarding confidential information about the client;
- G. In the event a client disagrees with our program's decision policies or procedures, s/he may:
 - 1) Request a meeting with the counselor. A meeting will be established within five (5) working days of the request.
 - 2) If the issues are not addressed to a client's satisfaction, s/he can request a meeting with the Program Director and the counselor;
- H. Confidentiality of client records is protected by the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Patient Records regulations [42CFR2] (1987) of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration of the Public Health Service for the United States Department of Health and Human Services effective August 10, 1987;
- I. Client rights will be governed by the Confidentiality Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996;
- J. The right to refuse treatment or any specific treatment procedure and a right to be informed of the consequences resulting from such refusal.

Client Signature _____

Date _____

Witness Signature _____

Date _____



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