



PATIENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

You have the **RIGHT**...

- To choose Rockbridge Area Health Center as your family health care home;
- To be treated with respect and dignity regardless of race, color, sex, religion, sexual preference, national origin, handicap or source of payment;
- To expect quality care which takes into consideration your personal, spiritual, and cultural values;
- To receive confidential treatment;
- To have access to free interpretive services if you do not speak English;
- To access any information contained in your medical record;
- To expect that our health care providers and staff will listen to your needs;
- To receive helpful and understandable information about your diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis;
- To give informed consent before the start of a procedure or treatment;
- To refuse treatment and to be informed of the medical consequences;
- To expect an appointment within a reasonable time frame;
- To know the costs of all procedures and services;
- To receive and understand the statement of fees for services provided;
- To report any concerns about the care you have received and to expect a response to that concern.

You have the **RESPONSIBILITY**...

- To keep your appointments or to notify the Center promptly if you need to cancel so that others may be seen in your place;
- To tell the health care provider accurate and complete information concerning your present complaints/symptoms, past illnesses/ailments, medications, and any other matters relating to your health;
- To follow the treatment plan recommended by your health care provider;
- To tell the provider if you do not understand the treatment plan and what is expected of you;
- To promptly notify the Center of any changes in your personal information (address, phone numbers, insurance, employment, and other income etc.);
- To pay for services provided or to make arrangements to pay;
- To be respectful toward other patients and staff;
- To help the Center maintain a safe, clean, and comfortable office environment at all times by keeping voices low, silencing cell phone ringers, consuming all food and beverages before entering the center, and attending to small children
- To inform staff of any legal-medical information, such as Powers of Attorney, that might impact decisions about your health care.