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CLIENT BILL OF RIGHTS

It is expressed policy of Brazos Place that all clients shall be afforded the following rights:

All *staff members* and volunteers shall have a working knowledge of these rights, and are to assist clients in exercising and all of these rights.

Upon request, at any time throughout the span of treatment client may receive an explanation of their client rights.

The facility must respect and protect client rights. The Bill of Rights must include:

- a. You have the right to a humane environment that provides reasonable protection from harm and appropriate privacy for your personal needs.
- b. You have the right to be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.
- c. You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- d. You have the right to appropriate treatment in the least restrictive setting available that meets your needs.
- e. You have the right to be told about the Program's rules and regulations before you are admitted.
- f. You have the right to be told before admission:
 1. The condition to be treated
 2. The proposed treatment
 3. The risks, benefits, side effects of all proposed treatment and medication
 4. The probable health and mental health consequences of refusing treatment; and
 5. The other treatments that are available and which ones, if any, might be appropriate to you.
- g. You have the right to accept or refuse treatment after receiving this explanation.
- h. If you agree to treatment or medication, you have the right to change your mind at any time (unless specifically restricted by law).
- i. You have the right to a treatment plan designed to meet your needs, and you have the right to take part in developing that plan.
- j. You have the right to meet with staff to review and update the plan on a regular basis.
- k. You have the right to refuse to take part in research without affecting your regular care.
- l. You have the right not to receive unnecessary or excessive medication.
- m. You have the right not to be restrained or placed in a locked room by yourself unless you are a danger to yourself or others.
- n. You have the right to have information about you kept private and to be told about the times when the information can be released without your permission.

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- o. You have the right to communicate with people outside the facility. This includes the right to have visitors, to make telephone calls and to send and receive mail. This right may be restricted on an individual basis by your doctor on the person in charge of the program. If it is necessary for your treatment or for security, but even then you may contact an attorney or the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at any reasonable time.
- p. You have the right to be told in advance of all estimated charges and any limitations on the length of services that the facility is aware of.
- q. You have the right to receive an explanation of your treatment on your rights if you have questions while you are in treatment.
- r. If you consent to treatment, you have the right to leave the facility within four hours of requesting release unless a physician determines that you pose a threat of harm to yourself or others.
- s. You have the right to make a complaint and receive a fair response from the facility within a reasonable amount of time.
- t. You have the right to complain directly to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at any reasonable time.
- u. You have the right to get a copy of these rights before you are admitted, including the Commission's address and phone number.
- v. You have the right to have your rights explained to you in simple terms, in a way you can understand, within 24 hours of being admitted.

Client Signature

Date

Counselor Signature

Date