

Participant Rights

Your rights can be provided to you at any time for review or clarification. These rights are posted in all SouthLight waiting areas and you may obtain a copy at any time by asking a SouthLight representative.

- You have the right to privacy and confidentiality at all times.
- You have the right to view and obtain your medical information.
- You have the right to be treated with personal dignity and respect.
- You have the right to reasonable access to care regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, age, or disability.
- You have the right to be free from abuse, retaliation, humiliation, neglect, and exploitation.
- You have the right to be informed about your treatment and to participate in the decision-making, goal setting, and the planning processes.
- You have the right to informed consent, or refuse services. The ONLY time you can be treated without your consent is:
 - in an emergency situation or
 - if your treatment has been ordered by the court
 - if you are under 18 years old, your parents can give permission even if you object
- You have the right to refuse treatment if you determine the risks outweigh the benefits.
- You have the right to revoke your previously given consent at any time.
- You have the right to discuss with your provider the medically necessary treatment options regardless of the cost or benefit coverage.
- You have the right to receive individualized treatment.
- You have the right to access or seek referral to self-help and advocacy support services.
- You have the right to designate a surrogate decision maker.
- You have the right to file a complaint without fear of retaliation.
- You have the right to receive information about services in a way that is understandable to you.
- You have the right to know your treatment cost.
- You have the right to make recommendations regarding the policies on your rights at SouthLight.
- You have the right to receive services free from the use of restraints and/or seclusion and in the least restrictive environment possible.
- Minors have the right to choose some treatments without consent of a parent or guardian including:
 - For treatment of venereal disease
 - For pregnancy
 - Treatment for use of controlled substance or alcohol
 - For emotional disturbances