
The Rights of an Involuntary Patient

An involuntary patient is a person who has received an involuntary psychiatric assessment, has been certified according to the Mental Health Care and Treatment Act, and has been admitted to a psychiatric unit as an involuntary patient.

As such, you have rights including:

- Meeting and speaking with your lawyer in private at any time either in person or by other means
- Using a telephone to make or receive calls
- Having visitors during regular visiting hours;
- Meeting with a rights advisor who will explain what has happened to you and advise you of your rights
- Meeting and speaking with your patient representative
- Being able to write and send letters, and have reasonable access to your mail
- Knowing why you have been certified or had your certificate renewed
- Receiving a copy of the certificate of involuntary admission or certificate of renewal
- Applying to the Mental Health Review Board for a review of your certificate of involuntary admission or certificate of renewal
- Receiving a copy of printed materials describing the review process including the board's purpose, its address, and your rights and the right of your representative to act on your behalf in the review process
- Having an interpreter if you need one.



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