

PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS*

A patient at Sparta Community Hospital has the right to:

- 1. Have reasonable access to care.**
- 2. Considerate and respectful care relating to his or her personal values and beliefs.**
- 3. Receive from his physician information necessary to give informed consent or refuse care prior to a medical procedure.**
- 4. Participate in ethical questions that arise in course of care including issues of conflict resolution, withholding resuscitative services, refusal or withdrawal of life sustaining treatment, and participation in investigational studies or clinical trials.**
- 5. Every consideration of his security and privacy concerning his own medical care program.**
- 6. Expect that all communication and records pertaining to his care should be treated as confidential.**
- 7. Have a designated decision maker in the event that the patient is incapable of understanding a proposed treatment or procedure or is unable to communicate his or her wishes regarding care.**
- 8. Access protective services such as patient representative or person outside of the facility.**
- 9. Obtain information as to who is providing care and the relationship of hospital to other health care institution in so far as his care is concerned.**
- 10. Examine information included in medical record and receive an explanation of his bill regardless of source of payment.**
- 11. Expect reasonable continuity of care and participate in discharge planning.**
- 12. Know what hospital rules and regulations apply to his conduct as patient.**
- 13. Be informed about the outcomes of care, including unanticipated outcomes.**
- 14. Appropriate assessment and management of pain.**

* These rights can be exercised on the patient's behalf by a designated surrogate or proxy decision maker if the patient lacks decision making capacity, is legally incompetent, or is a minor.