

BILL OF RIGHTS
Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT

**YOU SHALL RETAIN ALL CIVIL RIGHTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY
CURTAILED BY ORDER OF COURT**

1. You have the right to unrestricted and private communication inside and outside this facility including the following rights:
 - a. To peaceful assembly and to join with other patients to organize a body of or participate in patient government when patient government has been determined to be feasible by the facility.
 - b. To be assisted by an advocate of your choice in the assertion of your rights and to see a lawyer in private at any time.
 - c. To make complaints and to have your complaints heard and adjudicated promptly.
 - d. To have access to telephones designated for patient use.
2. You have the right to practice the religion of your choice or to abstain from religious practices.
3. You have the right to keep and to use personal possessions, unless it has been determined that specific personal property is contraband. The reasons for imposing any limitation and its scope must be clearly defined, recorded and explained to you. You have the right to sell any personal article you make and keep the proceeds from the sale.
4. You have the right to handle your personal affairs including making contracts, holding a driver's license or professional license, marrying or obtaining a divorce and writing a will.
5. You have the right to participate in the development and review of your AOT Plan.
6. You have the right to receive treatment in the least restrictive setting necessary to accomplish the treatment goals.
7. You have the right to be discharged from AOT as soon as you no longer need care and treatment.
8. You have the right not to be subjected to any harsh or unusual treatment.

9. You have the right to be paid for any work you do which benefits the operation and maintenance of the facility in accordance with existing Federal wage and hour regulations.
10. You have the right to petition the court for enforcement of a service specifically included in your AOT Plan that is not being provided.
11. You may not be held in contempt of court or otherwise sanctioned for failure to comply with your AOT Plan.
12. You may not be committed to jail or other state or county correctional institution for the purposes of receiving AOT.