

## 42 C.F.R. § 494.70

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### Condition: Patients' rights.

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The dialysis facility must inform patients (or their representatives) of their rights (including their privacy rights) and responsibilities when they begin their treatment and must protect and provide for the exercise of those rights.

(a) *Standard: Patients' rights.* The patient has the right to—

- (1) Respect, dignity, and recognition of his or her individuality and personal needs, and sensitivity to his or her psychological needs and ability to cope with ESRD;
- (2) Receive all information in a way that he or she can understand;
- (3) Privacy and confidentiality in all aspects of treatment;
- (4) Privacy and confidentiality in personal medical records;
- (5) Be informed about and participate, if desired, in all aspects of his or her care, and be informed of the right to refuse treatment, to discontinue treatment, and to refuse to participate in experimental research;
- (6) Be informed about his or her right to execute advance directives, and the facility's policy regarding advance directives;
- (7) Be informed about all treatment modalities and settings, including but not limited to, transplantation, home dialysis modalities (home hemodialysis, intermittent peritoneal dialysis, continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis, continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis), and in-facility hemodialysis. The patient has the right to receive resource information for dialysis modalities not offered by the facility, including information about alternative scheduling options for working patients;

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