

245 D - Service Recipient Rights

This program is licensed under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 245D. It must help you exercise and protect your rights identified in Minnesota Statutes, section [245D.04](#).

When receiving services and supports from this program name, I have the right to:

1. Take part in planning and evaluating the services that will be provided to me.
2. Have services and supports provided to me in way that respects me and considers my preferences.
3. Refuse or stop services and be informed about what will happen if I refuse or stop services.
4. Know, before I start to receive services from this program, if the program has the skills and ability to meet my need for services and supports.
5. Know the conditions and terms governing the provision of services, including the program's admission criteria and policies and procedures related to temporary service suspension and service termination.
6. Have the program help coordinate my care if I transfer to another provider to ensure continuity of care.
7. Know what services this program provides and how much they cost, regardless of who will be paying for the services, and to be notified if those charges changes.
8. Know, before I start to receive services, if the cost of my care will be paid for by insurance, government funding, or other sources, and be told of any charges I may have to pay.
9. To have staff that is trained and qualified to meet my needs and support.
10. Have my personal, financial, service, health, and medical information kept private and be notified if these records have been shared.
11. Have access to my records and recorded information that the program has about me as allowed by state and federal law, regulation, or rule
12. Be free from abuse, neglect or financial exploitation by the program or its staff.
13. Be free from staff trying to control my behavior by physically holding me or using a restraint to keep me from moving, giving me medication I don't want to take or that isn't prescribed for me, or putting me in time out, seclusion, restrictive intervention; except if and when manual restraint is needed in an emergency to protect me or others from physical harm.
14. Receive services in a clean and safe location.
15. Be treated with courtesy and respect and have my property treated with respect.
16. Be allowed to reasonably follow my cultural and ethnic practices and religion.
17. Be free from prejudice and harassment regarding my race, gender, age, disability, spirituality, and sexual orientation.
18. Be told about and to use the program's grievance policy and procedures, including knowing how to contact persons responsible for helping me to get my problems with the program fixed and how to file a social services appeal under the law.
19. Know the names, addresses and phone numbers of people who can help me, including the ombudsman, and to be given information about how to file a complaint with these offices.
20. Exercise my rights on my own or have a family member or another person help me exercise my rights, without retaliation from the program.
21. Give or not give written informed consent to take part in any research or experimental treatment.
22. Choose my own friends and spend time with them.
23. Have personal privacy.
24. Take part in activities that I choose.

Rights Restrictions

Can my rights be restricted?

Restriction of your rights is allowed only if determined necessary to ensure your health, safety, and well-being. Any restriction of your rights must be documented in your coordinated service and support plan or coordinated service and support plan addendum. The restriction must be implemented in the least restrictive alternative manner necessary to protect you and provide you support to reduce or eliminate the need for the restriction in the most integrated setting and inclusive manner.

What is the program required to do if my rights will be restricted?

Before this program may restrict your rights in any way this program must document the following information:

1. the justification (meaning the reason) for the restriction based on an assessment of what makes you vulnerable to harm or maltreatment if you were allowed to exercise the right without a restriction;
2. the objective measures set as conditions for ending the restriction (meaning the program must clearly identify when everyone will know the restriction is no longer needed and it has to end);
3. a schedule for reviewing the need for the restriction based on the conditions for ending the restriction to occur semiannually from the date of initial approval, at a minimum, or more frequently if requested by the person, the person's legal representative, if any, and case manager (meaning that at least every six months, more often if you want, the program must review with you and your authorized representative or legal representative and case manager, why the restriction is still needed and how the restriction should change to allow you as much freedom as possible to exercise the right being restricted); and
4. signed and dated approval for the restriction from you or your legal representative, if any.

Can the program restrict all of my rights?

The program cannot restrict any right they chose. The only rights the program may restrict, after documenting the need, include:

1. Your right to associate with other persons of your choice;
2. Your right to have personal privacy; and
3. Your right to engage in activities that you choose.

What if I don't give my approval?

A restriction of your rights may be implemented only after you or your legal representative have given approval.

What if I want to end my approval?

You may withdraw your approval of the restriction of your right at any time. If you do withdraw your approval, the right must be immediately and fully restored.