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Healthcare Bill of the Rights

1. To have a policy in the health care system against discriminating practices based on weight, size or health status.
2. To have access to affordable quality medical care, social services and adequate physical accommodations, equipment and testing facilities in the health care setting;
3. To have access to affordable and appropriate health insurance.
4. To have complete and accurate explanations of all treatments.
5. To have a full say in the modality of treatment; including the areas of analgesia and anesthesia.
6. To have the right to refuse treatment.
7. Access and treatment should not hinge on the acceptance or enrollment in any type of weight loss program.
8. To have or provide access to a patient advocate, either an individual or organizational representative of our choice, to play an active role in our medical care.
9. All caregivers are to act in a professional manner free of ridicule, coercion and harassment; and they should be informed about the latest research in the areas of bariatrics, nutrition, metabolism and genetics with regard to “obesity”.
10. To privacy and confidentiality of all medical records, following federal and local laws.