**Minnesota Mental Health Bill of Rights**

Consumers of marriage and family therapy or professional counseling services offered by marriage and family therapists or professional clinical counselors licensed by the State of Minnesota have the right:

* To expect that a therapist or counselor has met the minimal qualification of training and experience required by state law
* To examine public records maintained by the state of Minnesota which contain the credentials of a counselor or therapist: for LPCC's and LADC's (or license candidates): the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy, for LMFT's (or license candidates): the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, for LICSW's (or license candidates): the Board of Social Work, and for LP's (or candidates): the Board of Psychology
* To obtain a copy of the code of ethics from the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy, 2829 University Ave SE, Suite 210, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3222, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, 2829 University Ave SE, Suite 330, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3222, the Board of Social Work, 2829 University Ave SE, Suite 340 Minneapolis, MN 55414-3239, or the Board of Psychology, 2829 University Ave SE Suite 320 Minneapolis, MN 55414
* To report complains to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy by calling (612) 617-2178, to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy at (612) 617-2220, to the Board of Social work at (612) 617-2100, or to the Board of Psychology at (612) 617-2230
* To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving services
* You, the client, are billed directly for services, or your insurance coverage may be billed with your permission.
* You have a right to reasonable notice of changes in services or charges
* You have the right to receive a summary, in plain language, of the theoretical approach used by us in working with clients
* You have the right to complete and current information concerning our assessment and recommended course of treatment, including the expected duration of treatment
* You have the right to expect courteous treatment and to be free from verbal, physical, or sexual abuse by the practitioner working with you
* To privacy as defined by rule and law and more clearly outlined in the Privacy Policy
* To be free from being the subject of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, or gender, or other unlawful category while receiving services
* To have access to their records as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 144.292, subdivision 7
* To be free from exploitation for the benefit or advantage of the therapist or counselor
* You should know that other services may be available in the community. To find out about such services, you may call First Call for Help at 651-291-0211
* You have the right to choose freely among available practitioners, and to change practitioners after services have begun, within the limits of health insurance, medical assistance, or other health programs.
* You have a right to coordinated transfer when there is a change in the provider of services.
* You may refuse services or treatment, unless otherwise provided by law
* You may assert these and other rights without retaliation