

9. Patients have the right to make informed decisions about their pain treatment.

10. Patients have the right to speak confidentially with their health care providers about their pain conditions and concerns; however, the privacy of this information can be compromised in certain situations such as a workers' compensation claim.

11. Patients have the right to have their pain and the conditions that cause their pain examined regularly with their treatments adjusted for continued or improved pain management.

12. Patients have the right to read and make copies of their health information, pain history and relevant records.

13. Patients have the right to ask their health care provider to amend or correct any information (both pain-related and not) in their health records with the understanding that a health care provider cannot change an original report.

14. Patients have the right to refuse suggested methods of pain treatment.

15. Patients have the right to have their pain-related medical bills and costs explained to them.

16. Patients have the right to complain about or appeal issues related to their pain treatment, health plans, health care personnel and health care facilities.

17. Patients have the right to objective and timely internal and external reviews of any complaint or appeal related to their pain treatment, health plans, health care providers and health care facilities.

**If you feel your rights have been violated
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