Kansas Administrative Regulations

Department of Health and Environment

Article 34.—Hospitals—Part 1. General.

28-34-3b. Patient rights.

(a) Policies and procedures. The governing body shall ensure that the facility establishes policies and procedures which support the rights of all inpatients and outpatients. At a minimum, each facility shall ensure that:

(1) Each patient has the right to respectful care given by competent personnel;

(2) each patient has the right, upon request, to be given the name of his attending physician, the names of all other practitioners directly participating in his care and the names and functions of other health care persons having direct contact with the patient;

(3) each patient has the right to make health care decisions. Each patient has the right to the information necessary to make treatment decisions reflecting the patient's wishes and to request a change in his physician or transfer to another health facility due to religious or other reasons;

(4) each patient has the right to accept medical care, to refuse treatment to the extent permitted by state law and to be informed of the medical consequences of refusing treatment;

(5) each patient has the right to formulate advance directives and appoint a surrogate to make health care decisions on the patient's behalf to the extent permitted by law;

(6) each patient has the right to assistance in obtaining consultation with another physician or practitioner at the patient's request and own expense;

(7) each patient has the right to hospital services without discrimination based upon his race, color, religion, sex, national origin or source of payment;

(8) each patient or patient's legally designated representative has access to the information contained in the patient's medical records within the limits of state law;

(9) each patient has the right to examine and receive a detailed explanation of the patient's bill; and

(10) each patient is informed of the facility's policies regarding patient rights during the admission process.

(b) Grievances. The facility's policies and procedures shall establish a mechanism for responding to patient complaints.

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