

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **Law 1616 of 2013:** This law establishes the National Mental Health System in Colombia and aims to guarantee access to mental health services and the protection of the rights of individuals with mental disorders. The law promotes the inclusion of mental health services within the healthcare system and the development of public policies for the management and treatment of these disorders.
- **Law 1751 of 2015:** Known as the Law of Rights and Duties in Health, this law establishes the right of all citizens to receive healthcare services, including mental health. It defines patients' rights, such as confidentiality and the quality of care.
- **Law 1581 of 2012:** Although this law focuses on the protection of personal data, it is relevant to mental health because it regulates how sensitive data, including those related to individuals' mental health, is handled and protected.
- **National Mental Health Plan:** At the governmental level, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection develops specific plans and programs to improve mental health care, addressing aspects such as prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of mental disorders.