

Vermillion-Parke Community Health Center

Patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Vermillion Parke Community Health Center ("VPCHC") is committed to providing high quality care that is fair, responsive, and accountable to the needs of our patients and their families. We are committed to providing our patients and their families with a means to not only receive appropriate health care and related services, but also to address any concerns they may have regarding such services.

EVERY PATIENT HAS A RIGHT TO:

1. Receive high quality care based on professional standards of practice, regardless of his or her (or his or her family's) ability to pay for such services.
2. Obtain services without discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, age, religion, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or preference, marital status, socio-economic status or diagnosis/condition.
3. Be treated with courtesy, consideration and respect by all VPCHC staff, at all times and under all circumstances, and in a manner that respects his or her dignity and privacy.
4. Receive a complete, accurate and easily understood, explanation of any diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, and/or planned course of treatment, alternatives (including no treatment), and associated risks/benefits.
5. Receive information regarding the availability of support services, including translation, transportation and education services.
6. Receive an itemized copy of the bill for his or her services, an explanation of charges, and description of the services that will be charged to his/her insurance.
7. Request any additional assistance necessary to understand and/or comply with the VPCHC's administrative procedures and rules.
8. File a grievance or complaint about the VPCHC or its staff without fear of discrimination or retaliation and have it resolved in a fair, efficient and timely manner. To file a complaint write out your concerns and deliver them to :

Elizabeth Burrows, CEO
Vermillion-Parke Community Health Center, Inc.
777 South Main Street
Clinton, IN 47842

EVERY PATIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR :

1. Providing accurate personal, financial, insurance, and medical information (including all current treatments and medications) prior to receiving services from the VPCHC and its health care providers.
2. Following all administrative and operational rules and procedures of VPCHC.
3. Supervising his or her children while in the VPCHC facility(s).
4. Refraining from abusive, harmful, threatening, or rude conduct towards other patients and/or the VPCHC staff.
5. Not carrying any type of weapon or explosives into the VPCHC facility(s).
6. Keeping all scheduled appointments and arriving on time. Patients that arrive more than 15 minutes late for an appointment may be required to reschedule their appointment.
7. Notifying the VPCHC no later than 24 hours (or as soon as possible within 24 hours) prior to the time of an appointment that he/she cannot keep the appointment as scheduled. Failure to follow this policy may result in being charged for the visit and/or being placed on a waiting list for the next visit.
8. Participating in and following the treatment plan recommended by his or her health care providers, to the extent he or she is able, and working with providers to achieve desired health outcomes.
9. Informing his or her health care providers of any changes or reactions to medication and/or treatment.
10. When a fee is charged, making a good faith effort to meet financial obligations, including promptly paying for services provided.
11. Advising the VPCHC of any concerns, problems, or dissatisfaction with the services provided or the manner in which (or by whom) they are furnished.
12. Not bringing pets into the facility.

Signed

Printed Name