SUMMARY OF THE FLORIDA’S BILL OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Florida law requires that your health care provider or health care facility recognize your rights when you are receiving medical care and that you respect the health care provider’s or health care facility’s right to expect certain behavior on the part of patients. You may request a copy of the full text of this law from your health care provider or health care facility. A summary of your rights and responsibilities are listed below.

The patient and/or patient’s representative:

- Has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect, with appreciation of his or her individual dignity and with protection of his or her need for privacy.
- Has the right to a prompt and reasonable response to questions and requests.
- Has the right to know who is providing medical services and who is responsible for his or her care.
- Has the right to know what patient support services are available, including whether an interpreter is available or if he or she does not speak English.
- Has the right to know what rules and regulations apply to his or her conduct.
- Has the right to be given by his health care provider information concerning diagnosis, planned course of treatment, alternatives, risk and prognosis.
- Has the right to refuse treatment, except as otherwise provided by law.
- Has the right to be given, upon request, full information and necessary counseling on the availability of known financial resources for his or her care.
- Who is eligible for Medicare has the right to know, up front and in advance of treatment, whether the health care provider or health facility accepts the Medicare assignment rate.
- Has the right to receive, upon request, prior to treatment, a reasonable estimate of charges for medical care.
- Has the right to receive a copy of a reasonably clear and understandable, itemized bill and, upon request, to have charges explained.
- Has the right to impartial access to medical treatment or accommodations, regardless of race, national origin, religion, physical handicap, or source of payment.
- Has the right to treatment for an emergency medical condition that will deteriorate from failure to provide treatment.
- Has the right to know if medical treatment is for purposes of experimental research and to give his or her consent or refusal to participate in such experimental research.
- Has the right to express grievances regarding his or her rights, as stated in Florida law, through the grievance procedure of the health care provider or health care facility which served him or her and to the appropriate state licensing agency.
- Has the right to exercise his or her rights without being subjected to discrimination or reprisal.
- Is responsible for providing to the health care provider, to the best of his or her knowledge, accurate and complete information about present complaints, past illnesses, hospitalizations, medications, and other matters relating to his or her health.
- Is responsible for reporting unexpected changes in his or her condition to the health care provider.
- Is responsible for reporting to the health care provider whether he or she comprehends a contemplated course of action and what is expected of him or her.
- Is responsible for following the treatment plan recommended by the health care provider.
- Is responsible for keeping appointments and, when he or she is unable to do so for any reason, for notifying the health care provider or health care facility.
- Is responsible for his or her actions if he or she refuses treatment or does not follow the health care provider’s instructions.
- Is responsible for assuring that the financial obligations of his or her health care are fulfilled as promptly as possible.
- Is responsible for following health care and facility rules and regulations affecting patient care and conduct.
- This is to inform you that certain physicians that perform procedures at Brandon Surgery Center have a partnership interest/ownership in the facility. If you have any questions regarding your physician, please do not hesitate to ask.
- Your physician may not carry malpractice coverage. If you have questions about malpractice coverage, please discuss those with your physician.
- Anesthesia services are provided by independent Anesthesia Providers.
- Is responsible for providing the Center with an accurate and complete list of all medications including over the counter and herbal supplements.

If you have a complaint against this facility you can contact the Administrator at 813-654-7771 or write to Brandon Surgery Center, 711 South Parsons Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511

FILING COMPLAINTS

If you have a complaint against a hospital or ambulatory surgical center, call the Consumer Assistance Unit at 1-888-419-3456 or write to the address listed below.

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
CONSUMER ASSISTANCE UNIT
2727 MAHAN DRIVE / BLD. 1
P.O. BOX 14000
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308
Website for Medicare beneficiary Ombudsman www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ombudsman.asp