

449.9955 Informing patient of rights, services and cost

The administrator of an ambulatory surgical center shall ensure that:

1.

Each patient admitted to the center is treated with respect, consideration and dignity.

2.

Each patient admitted to the center is provided appropriate privacy.

3.

Each patient admitted to the center is informed of his or her rights as a patient in accordance with the provisions of NRS 449.730. The patient must be informed, at the time of his or her admission, of the services available and the estimated cost of those services. If a patient is unable to understand his or her rights, they must be explained to the patient's guardian, next of kin or the agency financially responsible for his or her care.

4.

The records of a patient admitted to the center are kept confidential, except as otherwise provided by law.

5.

Each patient admitted to the center is given the opportunity to participate in decisions relating to his or her health care, unless the patient is unable to do so because of his or her medical condition.

6.

Information is available to patients and members of the staff concerning: (a) The policies of the center relating to the conduct and responsibilities of patients; (b) The care that is available at the center during emergencies and after normal business hours; (c) The policies of the center related to the payment of fees; (d) A patient's right to refuse to participate in experimental research; and (e) The procedures for filing complaints or grievances at the center.

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