

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**



**SUBJECT:** PATIENTS" BILL OF RIGHTS

**POLICY NO.** 322

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**PURPOSE::** To guarantee that patients' rights shall be protected in Department hospitals.

**POLICY::** All Department hospitals shall comply with State legal and regulatory mandates providing for patients' rights while under treatment.

Inpatient wards shall have rights posted in English and Spanish.

**GUIDE::** Wards providing care for the mentally disordered shall comply with the Welfare & Institutions Code Section cited below.

All other wards shall use the guidelines originally issued by the Department on June 30, 1975, entitled, PATIENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS.

**AUTHORITY::** California Welfare & Institutions Code, Section 5325  
California Administrative Code, Title 22, Section 70707

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Jan 05, 1976

**SUPERCEDES:**

**APPROVED:** Signature on File

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