

ROGER S. HEARING (RSH)

If admitted by a parent/guardian and you want to leave, RSH is automatic if adolescent disagrees with parent to determine if the facility can keep you against your wishes. Scheduled within five days of admission; you can attend with a patients' rights advocate and your parents/guardian.

CRITERIA FOR HOSPITALIZATION

- Mental disorder requiring 24-hour treatment
- Facility is the least restrictive option
- Hospitalization promotes recovery and is within the community

HEARING PROCEDURE

The RSH is a private informal meeting with a facility representative, advocate, and Hearing Officer. You may choose to attend and have the right to present evidence, confront statements, and cross-examine witnesses.

COMPLAINTS

If you have a problem or complaint regarding your rights, contact a patients' rights advocate. The advocate will investigate and resolve your complaint or refer it to the local Mental Health Director. Unresolved issues can be referred to:

Patients' Rights Office

850 E Foothill Blvd
Rialto, CA 92376
(800) 440-2391/ (909) 421-4657

California Office of Patients' Rights

1831 K Street
Sacramento, CA 95811
(916)504-5810
<http://www.disabilityrightscal.org>

The information in this pamphlet is based off CA Welfare Institute Code, Disability Rights Office, and local advocacy organizations.



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CALIFORNIA ADOLESCENT RIGHTS

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Mental Health Facility



YOUR RIGHTS: INPATIENT TREATMENT FOR AGES 14-17

If you are 14-17 and admitted to a public acute psychiatric facility for inpatient treatment, you have rights. You can speak with a patients' rights advocate.

Your Legal Rights

- Roger S. Hearing (RSH)
- See a Patients' Rights Advocate
- Wear Own Clothes
- Keep Personal Possessions
- Spend Your Own Money
- Use the Phone
- Receive Visitors
- Access Letter Writing Materials
- Receive Unopened Mail
- Private Storage Space

Rights may be denied for "good cause," but not your right to an RSH or to talk with an advocate. Any denial must be documented, and your rights restored when the reason no longer exists.

KEY RIGHTS

Personal Possessions: Wear your own clothes and keep personal items, including hygiene products.

Phone & Visitors: Use the phone and receive visitors during visiting hours.

Storage: Have accessible storage space. Searches of your belongings require adequate justification.

KEY RIGHTS CONTINUED...

Mail: Send and receive unopened mail. You have the right to letter-writing materials and postage.

Medication: Medication must not be used as punishment. You and your guardian have the right to information about your medication.

Refusal: Refuse participation in research projects, medical experiments, psycho surgery, and Electroconvulsive Treatment (ECT) unless specific legal conditions are met.

Seclusion: Be free from unnecessary or excessive seclusion and restraint.

Constitutional Rights: Social interaction, community activities, physical exercise, recreational opportunities, religious freedom, and education as required by state law.

Nondiscrimination: Receive mental health services without discrimination.

