



HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

HDRC

is a private non-profit public interest organization
established in 1977 as the
Protection and Advocacy Agency of Hawaii.

HDRC

is Hawaii's Protection and Advocacy System
for People with Disabilities,



as authorized in federal and state law
and designated by the Governor.

HDRC

protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights
of people with disabilities
through the provision of information and advocacy.

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PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS TO
CARE & TREATMENT

**Federal and state laws establish specific
CARE AND TREATMENT PROTECTIONS
for people with disabilities.**

The **Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act** was first authorized by Congress to assure protection from abuse and neglect of people with developmental disabilities. The DD Act now includes additional important rights related to care and treatment.

In passing the **Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness (PAIMI) Act**, Congress found that:

“Persons with mental illness are vulnerable to abuse and serious injury; . . . to neglect, including lack of treatment, adequate nutrition, clothing, health care, and adequate discharge planning; state systems for monitoring compliance with respect to the rights of persons with mental illness vary widely and are frequently inadequate . . . “

PAIMI specifically includes a Patient’s Bill of Rights.

The **Patient Bill of Rights Act of 1998** establishes new health care rights for all patients, including those with disabilities.

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CARE & TREATMENT PRIORITIES

- ▶ **Death Investigations**
- ▶ **Abuse and Neglect –
Financial, Physical, Psychological, Sexual**
- ▶ **Medication & Treatment Issues – ECT,
Seclusion, Restraints (Physical and
Chemical), Excessive & Experimental
Medication**
- ▶ **Informed Consent**
- ▶ **Advance Directives**
- ▶ **Discharge Planning**
- ▶ **Community Integration**
- ▶ **Due Process**
- ▶ **Confidentiality, Right to Privacy**

▼ **For More Information and Assistance** ▼

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