

RIGHTS AT AGE OF MAJORITY (18)

YOUR GENERAL RIGHTS AT ALL AGES

You have the right to:

- Equal access to health services including physical accommodation for exam rooms and medically equipment, without anyone discriminating against you.
- An interpreter to provide free translation services in any language, including sign-language, if you need one to communicate with you're your healthcare provider.
- Emergency Room treatment to stabilize medical emergencies, regardless of your ability to pay or your citizenship/immigration status.
- Pick your primary doctor and not have to wait too long for an appointment.
- See specialists and get a second opinion when it is right for your health.
- Appeal if your health plan refuses to pay for the care you need.
- Continue group health plan coverage for 18-36 months after a job loss, divorce, or loss of a child's dependent status under the plan. Coverage may be extended further if a dependent child is disabled.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AT AGE OF MAJORITY (18)

- To give or withhold medical consent.
- To create advance directives. (DNR orders)
- To apply for SSI as an independent adult. (living w/parents or independently)
- To apply for Medi-Cal independently. (only if living independently)
- To fix place of residence. (sign lease, etc.)
- To vote.
- To register for the draft. (Required for males only in order to receive services from federally funded programs)
- To make contracts.
- To purchase health insurance independently, but varies with some companies. (Kaiser is age 19)

Resources

- Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County www.legalaidsmc.org
- Department of Rehabilitation (vocational assessment, training) 904-7100
- Web: www.rehab.cahwnet.gov/eps/handbook.htm
- Social Security Administration (SSI) 1-800-772-1213
- Local Medi-Cal office
- UC Berkeley (Office of Disabled students) 510-642-0518
- www.bravekids.org (website for kids with chronic or life-threatening illness or disability)
- California Department of Health Services; www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/

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