

EXPLANATION OF CLIENT RIGHTS

The Link House agrees to safeguard, to the best of our ability, the legal and civil rights of all clients at all time during treatment and discharge form treatment.

The Link House shall guarantee, at a minimum, the following rights:

- (1) freedom from physical and psychological abuse;
- (2) freedom from strip searches and body cavity searches;
- (3) control over his/her bodily appearance, provided, however, on program premises, the licensee may prohibit attire and personal decoration which interfere with treatment;
- (4) access to his/her client record in the presence of the administrator or designee unless there is determination that access to parts of the record could cause harm to the client;
- (5) the right to challenge information in his/her client record by inserting a statement of clarification or letter of correction signed by both the clinician and the client;
- (6) the right to obtain a copy of the client's records as specified in 105 CMR 164.083:Client Records;
- (7) the right to have the confidentiality of his/her records secured as required by 105 CMR 164.084:Confidentiality;
- (8) the right to terminate treatment at any time;
- (9) freedom from coercion;
- (10) treatment without regard to disability, race, gender, gender identity, creed, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, or ability to speak English;
- (11) treatment in a manner sensitive to individual needs and which promotes dignity and self-respect;
- (12) full disclosure regarding fees charged and, in residential rehabilitation programs, any client benefits to be contributed;
- (13) the right to grieve actions or decisions of the licensee regarding the client's treatment;
- (14) freedom to practice his/her religious faith;
- (15) the right to request referral to a facility which provides treatment in a manner to which the client has no religious objections;
- (16) drug screens conducted in a manner which preserves the client's dignity and, when the drug screen is by urine sample, accommodates any medically confirmed inability to give urine by providing for an alternate effective means of screening such as oral swab; and
- (17) the right to contact the Department of Public Health and/or the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.

Clients Signature _____ **Date** _____

Witness Signature _____ **Date** _____