



## HAWAII DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

a private non-profit public interest corporation,  
protects and promotes the human, civil and legal rights  
of people with disabilities  
through the provision of information and advocacy.

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HDRC is Hawaii's

**PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM**  
for People with Disabilities



and

**CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**



as authorized in federal and state law  
and designated by Executive Order.

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PROTECTING YOUR RIGHTS TO  
**CARE & TREATMENT**

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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 (Olmstead Enforcement)**
- ▶ **Due Process**
- ▶ **Confidentiality, Right to Privacy**

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