Patient Bill of Rights
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The MAPS Patient Bill of Rights for Psychedelic Therapy provides patients with information on how they can expect to be treated while participating in MDMA-assisted therapy with a MAPS-certified practitioner. MAPS and MAPS Public Benefit Corporation, believe that effective treatment is achieved through an alliance of trust between the patient and the practitioner. We provide this Bill of Rights to help patients understand their rights and their practitioners’ responsibilities.

If you have questions about your rights, you may contact MAPS Public Benefit Corporation at compliance@maps.org or 844-627-7722. If you have an ethical grievance to report, please see the section below, titled Right to be heard and seek redress of complaints.

Patient Rights

Right to respectful and compassionate care
You have the right to respectful and compassionate care based on trust and safety. You have the right to treatment in a safe and ethical setting, free from sexual, physical, emotional, and financial abuse, mistreatment, harassment, or exploitation.

Right to information
You have the right to have information presented to you clearly in a manner that you can understand. You have the right to receive information regarding your diagnoses and treatment. You have the right to receive information about the potential effects, risks, and benefits of psychedelic-assisted therapy. You have the right to receive information about all procedures and interventions that may be used during treatment. You have the right to be informed of your practitioners’ availability and methods of communication. You have the right to receive information about alternative treatment options, including no treatment at all.

Right to informed consent
You have the right to grant, withhold, or withdraw consent to treatment at any time. You have the right to grant, withhold, or withdraw consent to the use of touch at any time. You have the right to refuse participation in research, fundraising, or educational activities at any time. If you withdraw consent to treatment during a psychedelic-assisted therapy session, you will be asked to remain at the treatment site until the medical staff determine it is safe for you to leave.

Right to ask questions
You have the right to ask any questions you may have before and during the course of treatment, and to receive satisfactory answers before commencing or continuing treatment.

Right to non-discrimination
You have the right to receive treatment free from discrimination on the basis of your race, gender, gender identity, gender expression, appearance, physical abilities, religion, culture, age, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

Right to privacy and confidentiality
You have the right to privacy and confidentiality. This includes the privacy and security of therapy sessions, communications, and records. You have the right to know if there are supervisors, consultants, students, or others with whom your therapy practitioners will discuss your case.
Right to reasonable continuity of care
You have the right to reasonable continuity of care. If your practitioner is no longer able to provide care, you have the right to receive referrals to other practitioners or services. If you need ongoing care or other services that your practitioner is not able to provide, you have the right to receive referrals to other practitioners and services.

Right to transparency in fees
You have the right to be informed in advance of any fees and payment procedures, and to have all financial transactions maintained transparently.

Right to obtain a copy of the MAPS Code of Ethics for Psychedelic Psychotherapy
You have the right to obtain a copy of the MAPS Code of Ethics and to know that your practitioner has agreed to its principles.

Right to be heard and seek redress of complaints
You have the right to express complaints or concerns to your treatment practitioners. If you are comfortable doing so, you are encouraged to bring complaints or concerns about your treatment directly to the office where you receive your care. If you are dissatisfied with the response you receive, you have a right to express complaints or concerns to the practitioner's licensing board and, if related to participation in a clinical trial, to the Independent Review Board (IRB) listed in the protocol and consent forms for the study which have been provided to you.

If you are receiving treatment from a MAPS-trained practitioner, you have the right to report violations of the MAPS Code of Ethics. You are encouraged to report ethical grievances or complaints related to participation in a clinical research study to the Independent Review Board (IRB) listed in the protocol and consent forms for the study. Ethical grievances not related to an active clinical research study may be reported to the MAPS Compliance Team at compliance@maps.org or (844) MAP-SPBC (844-627-7722). All reported complaints and concerns will be thoroughly heard and reviewed, and appropriate corrective and disciplinary actions will be evaluated. Additionally, patients may choose to file a complaint to the practitioner's licensing board when applicable.

Right to a designated advocate
You have the right to formulate an "advance directive" to explain how you would like healthcare decisions to be made if you cannot make the decisions yourself. You have the right to appoint a designated advocate of your choice to make health care decisions on your behalf.

Right to emergency care
You have the right to be informed in advance of your practitioners’ procedures in the event of a medical or psychological emergency. Your safety is the greatest priority throughout the course of treatment. You have the right to ask about your practitioner's procedures for ensuring your safety and responding in the case of an emergency.

Right to be informed about the people who will be providing treatment
You have the right to be informed about the people who will be providing treatment, including their licensure, qualifications, and training.

Right to participate in your treatment plan
You have the right to be informed about and participate in decisions regarding your treatment plan whenever possible.