



Admission

As a recipient of Federal financial assistance, PeaceHealth does not exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability, in admission to, participation in, or receipt of the services and benefits under any of its programs and activities, whether carried out by PeaceHealth directly or through a contractor or any other entity with which PeaceHealth arranges to carry out its programs and activities.

Additionally, PeaceHealth receives the patient and family into the system in such a manner that he/she feels welcome and secure, and that their comfort, safety, bio-psychosocial, cultural, financial, and spiritual needs are addressed.

Patients are admitted to the PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center by order of a Medical Staff member who has specifically been granted admitting privileges, or by an Allied Health Professional who has specifically been granted admitting privileges as per Medical Staff Bylaws.

All patients:

- Are properly identified through verification of identification;
- Have an identification band placed on them;
- Have their valuables processed and secured according to policy;
- Have an appropriate medical record initiated;
- Receive a Conditions of Service form;
- Receives “An Important Message from Medicare” form, if appropriate (i.e., every patient who has Medicare or a Managed Medicare as any insurance, primary, secondary, or tertiary, regardless of age);
- Are assessed to determine whether interpreter services are requested or required;
- Are asked if they have an Advance Directive and are offered information about formulating an Advance Directive if they do not have one. Note: there is NO requirement for a patient to have an advance directive;
- Receive notification of their patient rights;
- Receive information about HIPPA upon initial visit to the facility; and
- Have an admission assessment per the appropriate department Standard of Care.