§ 72315. Nursing Service - Patient Care.
...(b) Each patient shall be treated as individual with dignity and respect and shall not be subjected to verbal or physical abuse of any kind.
(l) Each patient shall be provided visual privacy during treatments and personal care.
Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference; Section 1275, Health and Safety Code.

72381. Activity Program – Requirements.

(b) The activity program shall consist of individual, small and large group activities which are designed to meet the needs and interests of each patient and which include, but are not limited to:

(5) Opportunity for patient involvement for planning and implementation of the activity program.

§ 72453. Special Treatment Program Service Unit - Rights of Patients.

(a) Each patient admitted to a special treatment program in a skilled nursing facility shall have the following rights, a list of which shall be prominently posted in English and Spanish in all facilities providing such services. The rights shall also be brought to the patient’s attention by additional, appropriate means:

...(6) To refuse shock treatment.
(7) To refuse lobotomy services.

§ 72517. Staff Development.

(a) Each facility shall have an ongoing educational program planned and conducted for the development and improvement of necessary skills and knowledge for all facility personnel. Each program shall include, but not be limited to:

(7) Preservation of patient dignity, including provision for privacy.


§ 72527. Patients’ Rights

(4) To consent to or to refuse any treatment or procedure or participation in experimental research.
(5) To receive all information that is material to an individual patient’s decision concerning whether to accept or refuse any proposed treatment or procedure. The disclosure of material information for administration of psychotherapeutic drugs or physical restraints or the prolonged use of a device that may lead to the inability to regain use of a normal bodily function shall include the disclosure of information listed in Section 72528(b).

… (7) To be encouraged and assisted throughout the period of stay to exercise rights as a patient and as a citizen, and to this end to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services to facility staff and/or outside representatives of the patient’s choice, free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal.

(11) To be treated with consideration, respect and full recognition of dignity and individuality, including privacy in treatment and in care of personal needs.

…(13) To associate and communicate privately with persons of the patient’s choice, and to send and receive personal mail unopened.

…(16) If married, to be assured privacy for visits by the patient’s spouse and if both are patients in the facility, to be permitted to share a room.

…(20) To be allowed privacy for visits with family, friends, clergy, social workers or for professional or business purposes.

Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 1276, 1320, 1599, 1599.1, 1599.2 and 1599.3, Health and Safety Code; and Cobbs v. Grant (1972) 8 Cal.3d 229.

s 72615. Provision for Privacy.

Visual privacy for each patient shall be provided to meet the requirements of Section T17-070 of Title 24. Doors providing access to the corridor shall not be considered as meeting this requirement.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 208(a) and 1275, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Section 1276, Health and Safety Code.