

# Rights of the Elderly

## An elderly individual has the right to:

- Be treated with consideration, dignity and respect
- Be free from interference, coercion, discrimination, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Make choices regarding his or her personal and financial affairs and care
- Designate a guardian or financial representative
- Review all requested financial records from the financial manager and receive an accounting of his or her money
- Complain about his or her care or treatment
- Privacy while attending to personal needs
- Participate in activities of social, religious, or community groups
- Be fully informed of his or her total medical condition, treatment and care in a way he or she can best understand
- Have the opportunity to participate in the planning of his or her medical treatment
- Be assured confidential treatment of his or her personal and medical records

Elder abuse is grossly underreported. Don't let fear or being ashamed stop you from reporting abuse. Call **Continuum** today for resources to report, educate and help in the fight against elder abuse.

*Sources: Foundation Aiding the Elderly, Office of the Attorney General Elder Law & Public Health Division*



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