

Drug, Alcohol, and Medication Safety Notice

Ephraim McDowell Health is committed to promoting a safe environment for patients, staff, and visitors. Your responsibilities during treatment are as follows:

- To only use medication that is prescribed as part of your current treatment plan and not use alcohol or illegal drugs including medications prescribed to another person.
- To tell your provider about any illegal substances/drugs, alcohol, or unauthorized prescription medication you use so that appropriate treatment for withdrawal symptoms can be administered.
- To stay in your treatment area so the effects of medications can be monitored. If admitted, to have an authorized leave of absence order from your provider or only leave the unit with a staff member.
- Your provider may order a drug screen if there is reason to believe that alcohol, illegal substances/drugs, or unauthorized prescription medications are interfering with the safe and effective treatment of your condition.
- You cannot possess or have brought in to you alcohol, illegal substances/drugs, or unauthorized prescription medication while at any Ephraim McDowell Health facility.
- You cannot give away or sell your medication; it is illegal. If you do this, you may require increased supervision, and/or a change in medication, and/or referral to law enforcement.
- You will not modify or use medical equipment in a way other than the medically intended purpose because this could result in a significant risk to your health including infection, injury, and death.

Failure to comply with these responsibilities could result in any or all of the following consequences, without further warning.

- Your provider may change your treatment plan, which may result in you no longer being eligible for a specific treatment or treatment may be delayed or prolonged.
- You may not be able to receive medication by IV, which may not be as effective.
- Oral medication may be changed to crushed or liquid form to make sure it is taken properly.
- Your right to have visitors may be limited or restricted.
- You may be placed under individualized supervision with an EMH staff member.
- EMH security and/or administrators may be advised of staff concerns regarding your care.
- You may be transferred to another facility or discharged if medically stable.
- If you possess or use illegal substances/drugs on EMH property law enforcement will be contacted, which may result in criminal charges.