



Aphasia Bill of Rights

You have the right to:

<p>1</p>	<p>Be told, as soon as it is determined, preferably by a qualified speech-language pathologist (SLP), both orally and in writing, that they have “aphasia” and given an explanation of the meaning of aphasia.</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Be provided, upon release from the hospital, with written documentation that “aphasia” is part of their diagnosis.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Be told, both orally and in writing, that there are local resources available to them, including Aphasia Community Groups in their areas, as well as national organizations such as the National Aphasia Association (NAA).</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Have access to outpatient therapy to the extent deemed appropriate by a qualified speech-language pathologist (SLP).</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Give their informed consent in any research project in which they are participating.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Demand that accrediting health care agencies and health care facilities establish requirements for and competency in caring for people with aphasia.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Have access to therapy and written information in their preferred language.</p>	