

Civil Rights Notice

Discrimination is against the law. Itasca Medical Care (IMCare) does not discriminate on the basis of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- creed
- religion
- sexual orientation
- public assistance status
- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)
- marital status
- political beliefs
- medical condition
- health status
- receipt of health care services
- claims experience
- medical history
- genetic information

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by Itasca Medical Care (IMCare). You can file a complaint and ask for help filing a complaint in person or by mail, phone, fax, or email at:

IMCare Compliance Coordinator
 ATTN: Civil Rights Coordinator
 Itasca Medical Care (IMCare)
 1219 SE 2nd Ave
 Toll Free: 1-800-843-9536
 TTY: 1-800-627-3529 (MN Relay) or 711
 Fax: 218-327-5545
 Email: imcarecompliance@co.itasca.mn.us

Auxiliary Aids and Services: Itasca Medical Care (IMCare) provides auxiliary aids and services, like qualified interpreters or information in accessible formats, free of charge and in a timely manner to ensure an equal opportunity to participate in our health care programs. **Contact** Itasca Medical Care at 1-800-843-9536 (toll free) or 1-218-327-6188 for more information.

Language Assistance Services: Itasca Medical Care (IMCare) provides translated documents and spoken language interpreting, free of charge and in a timely manner, when language assistance services are necessary to ensure limited English speakers have meaningful access to our information and services. **Contact** Itasca Medical Care at 1-800-843-9536 (toll free) or 1-218-327-6188 for more information.

Civil Rights Complaints

You have the right to file a discrimination complaint if you believe you were treated in a discriminatory way by Itasca Medical Care (IMCare). You may also contact any of the following agencies directly to file a discrimination complaint.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

You have the right to file a complaint with the OCR, a federal agency, if you believe you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- age
- disability
- sex
- religion (in some cases)

Contact the OCR directly to file a complaint:

Office for Civil Rights
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 Midwest Region
 233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240
 Chicago, IL 60601
 Customer Response Center: Toll-free: 800-368-1019
 TDD Toll-free: 800-537-7697
 Email: ocrmail@hhs.gov

Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

In Minnesota, you have the right to file a complaint with the MDHR if you have been discriminated against because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion
- creed
- sex
- sexual orientation
- marital status
- public assistance status
- disability

Contact the **MDHR** directly to file a complaint:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights
 540 Fairview Avenue North, Suite 201
 St. Paul, MN 55104
 651-539-1100 (voice)
 800-657-3704 (toll-free)
 711 or 800-627-3529 (MN Relay)
 651-296-9042 (fax)
Info.MDHR@state.mn.us (email)

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS)

You have the right to file a complaint with DHS if you believe you have been discriminated against in our health care programs because of any of the following:

- race
- color
- national origin
- religion (in some cases)

- age
- disability (including physical or mental impairment)
- sex (including sex stereotypes and gender identity)

Complaints must be in writing and filed within 180 days of the date you discovered the alleged discrimination. The complaint must contain your name and address and describe the discrimination you are complaining about. We will review it and notify you in writing about whether we have authority to investigate. If we do, we will investigate the complaint.

DHS will notify you in writing of the investigation's outcome. You have the right to appeal if you disagree with the decision. To appeal, you must send a written request to have DHS review the investigation outcome. Be brief and state why you disagree with the decision. Include additional information you think is important.

If you file a complaint in this way, the people who work for the agency named in the complaint cannot retaliate against you. This means they cannot punish you in any way for filing a complaint. Filing a complaint in this way does not stop you from seeking out other legal or administrative actions.

Contact **DHS** directly to file a discrimination complaint:

Civil Rights Coordinator
Minnesota Department of Human Services
Equal Opportunity and Access Division
P.O. Box 64997
St. Paul, MN 55164-0997
651-431-3040 (voice) or use your preferred relay service

American Indians can continue or begin to use tribal and Indian Health Services (IHS) clinics. We will not require prior approval or impose any conditions for you to get services at these clinics. For elders age 65 years and older this includes Elderly Waiver (EW) services accessed through the tribe. If a doctor or other provider in a tribal or IHS clinic refers you to a provider in our network, we will not require you to see your primary care provider prior to the referral.