

## **Every person with childhood-onset heart disease has the right to health.**

### **They have the right to heart care that is:**

- Affordable
- Accessible
- Safe
- High-quality
- Patient-centered
- Life-long

### **They have the right to well-being including:**

- Protection from stigma
- Social inclusion
- Education
- Employment
- Medical privacy
- Social benefits

### **To achieve these rights governments must:**

- Fund detection, heart surgery and life-long care
- Make sure every patient can reach care when they need it
- Enforce quality standards for CHD and RHD care
- Collect and report information on CHD and RHD health in their country
- Protect CHD and RHD patients from discrimination
- Provide CHD and RHD patients with needed social services and benefits
- Promote and support CHD and RHD patient and family organizations

***The Declaration of Rights for Individuals Affected by Childhood-Onset Heart Disease  
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