

*admission and retention and of the ~~patients'~~ PATIENT'S rights to have judicial hearing and review, to be represented by legal counsel, and to seek independent medical opinion;*

*(c) in any case before a court or review board to assemble and provide the court or board with all the relevant information as to the patient's case, his hospitalization and his right to discharge;*

*(d) perform services for voluntary patients and informal patients similar to those required pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section, as may be requested by the patient or any one on his behalf; and*

*(e) provide services and assistance to patients and their families and to the courts or the review board having duties to perform relating to the mentally disordered or the allegedly mentally disordered who are admitted pursuant to Article 59 of this Code, as may be required by a judge, justices, or chairman thereof and pursuant to ~~the~~ THE SAID RULES AND regulations. of the senior judge of the Appellate Judicial Circuit; and*

*(f) study and review the quality of care and treatment given to patients in all public and licensed facilities.*

54A.

THE COURT, AFTER REVIEW MAY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND REVIEW SERVICE, MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, MAY SET A DATE FOR A JUDICIAL HEARING, MAY ORDER THE RELEASE OF THE PATIENT, OR ANY OTHER RELIEF.

55.

*The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall furnish to the Mental Health Information AND REVIEW Service having jurisdiction of the area in which the patient resided prior to admission:*

*(a) copies of physician certificates and notification of admission within three (3) days of admission;*

*(b) copies of any notice given to the patient regarding the patients' rights, including among others the right to communicate freely with the Service, within three (3) days of the giving of such notice;*

*(c) copies of writs of habeas corpus, within two (2) days after service is made;*

*(d) copies of all notices given to relatives, next of kin, and ~~friends~~ /OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS regarding the patient's status.*

56.

THE SERVICES OF THE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION AND REVIEW SERVICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PATIENTS IN THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITALS IN MARYLAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES