

(1) THE CENTERS SHALL BE OPERATED PRIMARILY FOR RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

(2) A CENTER MAY ADMIT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE IF:

(I) THE INDIVIDUAL IS ADMITTED AND DISCHARGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SPECIFIC REGIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM OR SPECIFIC DEMONSTRATION OR STUDY PROJECT APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) THIS STATE IS REIMBURSED FOR THE FULL COST OF SERVICES TO THE INDIVIDUAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the first, second, and third paragraphs of Article 43, § 599.

In subsection (b) of this section, the former reference to the ability to pay is deleted to clarify that admission is governed by the inability to get treatment elsewhere and not ability to pay for the treatment. As to charges for care for nonindigent patients, see Title 16 of this article.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Center" § 19-501
"Department" § 1-101 "Physician" § 1-101

19-506. DISCHARGES.

(A) DISCHARGE REQUIRED.

IF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF A CENTER DETERMINES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL CANNOT RECEIVE ANY FURTHER BENEFIT AT THE CENTER, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE DISCHARGED ON THE WRITTEN ORDER OF A MEDICAL STAFF MEMBER.

(B) FAILURE TO LEAVE.

IF, AFTER A COMPETENT AUTHORITY DIRECTS A DISCHARGED INDIVIDUAL TO LEAVE THE CENTER, THE INDIVIDUAL FAILS TO DO SO, THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE CENTER MAY TAKE ANY LEGAL STEP NEEDED TO REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE CENTER, UNDER AN ADEQUATE PLAN FOR TREATMENT AND CARE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the fourth and fifth paragraphs of Article 43, § 599.

In subsection (b) of this section, the term "administrative head" is substituted for "superintendent", to standardize the references