

notice of his desire to leave the facility, unless, after initial admission, his admission status has been changed in accordance with this subtitle.

(e) Patients admitted pursuant to Subsection 11(d) above, primarily for care or treatment of alcoholism, may be retained by a facility for a period not in excess of seven days after the patient has given notice of his desire to leave the facility, unless, after initial admission, his admission status has been changed in accordance with this subtitle.

(f) No patient admitted pursuant to this section may be retained by a facility for any period in excess of one year, unless his admission status has been changed after initial admission, or, unless at the expiration of each one year period of inpatient residence, the patient executes a new application. In the event the patient was initially admitted on an informal basis and such status has not changed, he shall execute a formal application for admission or the facility may not retain him after the first anniversary of his initial admission.

(g) Any facility licensed by or under the jurisdiction of the Department may admit for the purposes of care or treatment, or both, any person under the age of 18 years who has any mental disorder which is susceptible of care or treatment and whose admission to such facility has been requested by at least one parent or his legal guardian. The person requesting such admission must, as a prerequisite to the admission, be able to understand the nature of the request. The admission request must be formal, written and assented to by an admitting physician at the facility. No person admitted pursuant to this subsection may be retained for more than three days, after the person who requested his admission requests his release, unless his admission status is changed pursuant to Section 12 of this subtitle. No person admitted pursuant to this subsection may be retained by a facility for any period in excess of one year unless his admission status has been changed after initial admission or unless at the expiration of each one year period of inpatient residence a new request is executed by a parent or the legal guardian of the patient.

(H) ALL RELEASES REFERRED TO HEREIN SHALL BE MADE ANY TIME BETWEEN 9:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M.

12. Involuntary Admission.

(a) Any Veterans' Administration Hospital or facility licensed by or under the jurisdiction of the Department may admit for the purpose of care or treatment, or both, any person who:

(1) has a mental disorder; and

(2) for the protection of himself or others, needs inpatient medical care or treatment; and

(3) is unable or unwilling to be voluntarily admitted to such facility.

(b) A facility or Veterans' Administration Hospital may admit any person who has a mental disorder; and who for the protection of himself or others needs inpatient care or treatment, or both; and is unwilling or unable to admit himself voluntarily, upon the ap-