

reading shall be effected in the language or manner best calculated to inform him of the applicable provisions of the law.

(c) *Right to counsel.*—In addition to the items specified, each patient shall be advised, within the time specified in subsection (a), of his right to consult with an attorney of his choice. If the patient does not have his own attorney, he shall be advised of the availability of the services of the legal aid bureaus, lawyer referral services and such other agencies as may then exist for the referral of persons in need of legal counsel. Each such patient shall be given the opportunity to call or write his attorney or the agencies specified or to have someone do so on his behalf.

(d) *Form to be used.*—The Department shall prepare a standard form, which shall include all of the provisions specified in this section, and shall provide an ample supply of such forms to each facility. Such form shall be utilized by the facilities and one copy of such form, containing a certification of compliance with this section by the person in charge of admissions at the facility, shall be filed with each patient's records.

(e) *Patients unable to understand notification and its legal effect.*—In the event that the patient is unable to understand the notification and its legal effect, such notification shall also be given to the patient's next of kin, the applicant for the patient's admission if involuntary, and any other person that is deemed to have a significant interest in the patient's status.

(f) *Renotification.*—Notification in accordance with this section shall be given again to each patient at the time of the execution of the new application by voluntarily admitted patients under Section 11 (f) and the execution of new certificates under Section 12 (e).

14.

(a) At any time, any person admitted to any facility or Veterans' Administration hospital, or anyone, on his behalf, may apply to any appropriate court for a writ of habeas corpus. Such proceeding shall be available to determine the cause and the legality of his admission and continued detention.

(b) A writ of habeas corpus may also be applied for in the name of the Department to determine whether any patient has been properly admitted or properly retained by any facility. Such application shall be made by the Commission ~~["Commissioner"]~~ or his authorized representative and shall be filed by the States' ~~["State's"]~~ attorney of the county in which the facility is located or of which the patient is a resident.

15.

(a) *Petition to be filed; respondent.*—Any patient may, at any time subject to the limitations specified in this section, file a petition in the equity court of the county in which he resides or resided at the time of his admission, or in which he is confined for the purpose of securing his release. Any person having a legitimate interest in the welfare of the patient may file the petition on his behalf. The Department shall be the respondent in any such case, unless the