

(d) The board shall review the admission and retention of patients at each State mental facility. The board may examine the records of all patients admitted and may examine personally at its own investigation all patients who from the records or otherwise appear to justify reasonable doubt as to continued need of confinement in a mental hospital.

(e) The board shall report its findings to the Commissioner who shall inform the board and any patient under consideration by the review board of his decision on their findings and recommendations.

(f) Each member of the board shall receive as compensation the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per day or any portion thereof spent in discharge of his official duties. In addition to the compensation so provided each member of the board shall be reimbursed for all expenses paid or incurred by him in the performance of his official duties.

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(a) Any person interested including the patient, may petition the court of commitment or the court to which venue has been transferred for an order adjudicating that patient is not now in need of continued hospitalization or for an order adjudicating that an individual is not now suffering from a mental disorder, or if so disordered, is not likely to cause grave personal injury to himself or others or for such other order as the court may deem just and equitable.

(b) Upon the filing of the petition the court shall fix the time and place for the hearing thereof, ten (10) days' notice of which shall be given to the state's attorney and to the Commissioner, if he did not file the petition. Notice shall be given to the patient, his legal counsel, the head of the facility or hospital in which the patient resides, the Mental Health Information Service and such other persons and in such manner as the court directs. Any person may oppose the petition.

(c) The court may appoint one psychiatrist to examine the patient. The patient shall also be entitled to be examined by a psychiatrist of his own choice. If the patient is unable to pay for the costs of an examination, the State of Maryland shall defray the reasonable costs of examination and testimony by a psychiatrist of the patient's choice.

(d) The patient and a petitioner shall be entitled to be present and cross-examine witnesses. The court shall hear all relevant testimony and shall receive all relevant evidence which may be offered at the hearing.

(e) Upon proof of the allegations of the petition, the court shall enter an order adjudicating that the patient is not now in need of continued hospitalization and upon proper proof thereof shall order that an individual is not now mentally disordered or may enter such other order as the court may deem equitable and just.

(f) The state's attorney shall attend the hearing and shall oppose the restoration of the patient if he deems it for the best interest of the public.