

12. Notification of Admission Status and Rights

(a) Every mentally retarded person admitted pursuant to this subtitle shall upon admission, and the proponent or proponents of an admission pursuant to this subtitle, shall within 5 days, be notified in writing of the following:

(1) The admission status of the mentally retarded person;

(2) The provisions of law pertaining to the admission;

(3) The right of the mentally retarded person to consult with an attorney of his choice;

(4) The availability of the services of the Legal Aid Bureau, Lawyer Referral Services, and such other agencies as may then exist for the referral of persons in need of legal counsel, if the mentally retarded person does not have his own attorney.

(5) The provisions pertaining to his rights under the subtitle "Mentally Retarded Person's Rights" of this article.

(b) No mentally retarded person admitted pursuant to Sections ~~11 and 12~~ 9 AND 11 of this subtitle may be retained for more than three (3) days after the person who applied for his admission requests his release.

(c) At least once a year, every mentally retarded person admitted to a facility pursuant to this subtitle shall be re-evaluated according to regulations and standards promulgated by the Administration.

(d) The Administration shall prepare a standard form, which shall include the substance of all of the provisions of this section, in clear and simple terms, and supply the forms to each facility. Upon admission, the form shall be provided to the mentally retarded person and the proponent or proponents of his admission.

13. ~~Habeas~~ HABEAS Corpus

(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 retention.

(b) A writ of habeas corpus may also be applied for in the name of the Administration to determine whether any mentally retarded person has been properly admitted or properly retained by any facility. Application shall be made by the Director or his authorized representative and shall be filed by the Attorney General on behalf of the Administration in the jurisdiction in which the facility is located.

14. Judicial Release

(a) Any mentally retarded person may, at any time, subject to the limitations specified in this section, file a petition in the equity court of the county or Baltimore City 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