

30. *Responsibility for cost of care.*

*The total cost of care of mentally retarded persons in any public facility shall be the responsibility of the State. This responsibility does not relieve the mentally retarded person, his responsible relatives or others responsible for his care of their obligation to repay such cost of care.*

31. *Court Ordered Examinations.*

*When any person is examined by a representative of the Administration pursuant to any order of court, a reasonable fee shall be charged for the examination. The fees shall be added to the costs of the case, and shall be paid by the county. If, however, the examination is requested by the person being examined, or his representative, he shall be responsible for payment of the appropriate fee, and the Administration may request, and the court may require, such person to post a bond for payment of the examining fee.*

32. *Disposition of Mentally Retarded Person's Property.*

*(a) Any assets of a mentally retarded person, except funds derived from benefits payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, remaining in the possession of a public facility for one year following the death or release of a mentally retarded person shall become the property of the State. Before delivery of such assets to the State, however, the Department shall first investigate to locate the patient or to determine if any other person is legally entitled to such assets. If no such person is found, the mentally retarded person's account at the facility shall be paid, insofar as possible, from such assets, and the balance, if any, shall be credited to the general funds of the State.*

*(b) No action may be brought after the expiration of three years from the date of death or release of a mentally retarded person to recover any assets of such person, remaining at the facility, or in the custody of the facility. This subsection shall not be construed to waive any defense available, including the defense of governmental immunity, to any facility or other State agency, whether the action is brought within three years of the death or release of the mentally retarded person or not.*

33. *Disclosure of Financial Responsibility.*

*Upon admission of a mentally retarded person to a public facility, the proponent or proponents of said admission shall be provided with the provisions of this subtitle in writing in clear and simple terms.*

*Mentally Retarded Persons' Rights*

34. *Written and Telephonic Communications and Visits.*

*(a) Every mentally retarded person in any facility licensed by or under the jurisdiction of the Administration shall at all reasonable times:*

*(1) have available to him writing instruments, stationery and postage, and may use such material to correspond with anyone, sub-*