

certain institutions.]] to provide an individualized treatment plan for certain patients and to further provide that the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall issue certain rules and regulations.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new subsection (n) be and it is hereby added to Section 3 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Mental Hygiene," subtitle "Short Title, Statement of Policy and Definitions," to follow immediately after subsection (m) thereof II; and that new Section 22A be and it is hereby added to said Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Mental Hygiene," to follow immediately after Section 22 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Individualized Treatment Plans"; and that Section 19 of Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Mental Hygiene," subtitle "Admissions, Release and Transfer," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments]] , and all to read as follows:

3.

II(N) "QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL" MEANS:

- (1) A PSYCHIATRIST; OR
- (2) A PSYCHOLOGIST WITH A DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM; OR
- (3) A SOCIAL WORKER WITH A MASTER'S DEGREE FROM AN ACCREDITED PROGRAM AND TWO YEARS OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL; OR
- (4) A REGISTERED NURSE WITH A GRADUATE DEGREE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING AND TWO YEARS OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.

#### INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLANS

22A.

(A)

(1) EVERY PATIENT IN OR ADMITTED TO ANY VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL OR FACILITY LICENSED BY OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HAVE AN INDIVIDUALIZED TREATMENT PLAN DEVELOPED FOR HIM BY A TEAM OF AT LEAST TWO QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AT LEAST ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE A PSYCHIATRIST. THIS PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE PATIENT'S ADMISSION, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OCCUR LATER THAN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THE PATIENT'S ADMISSION.

(2) THE SECRETARY OR HIS AUTHORIZED AGENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE TREATMENT PLANS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION ARE PREPARED AND INSTITUTED.