

(A) PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OR DISCHARGE OF ANY VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY PATIENT, CONSENTING TO THE PREPARATION AND TRANSMISSION OF AN AFTERCARE PLAN, FROM ANY MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY OR HIS DESIGNEE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM PROVIDING AFTERCARE SERVICES TO THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE THE PATIENT WILL RESIDE UPON DISCHARGE, SHALL PREPARE A WRITTEN RECOMMENDED AFTERCARE PLAN FOR THE PATIENT. THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR SHALL TRANSMIT THE PLAN TO THE TREATMENT PROGRAM OF THE PATIENT'S CHOICE IN THE COMMUNITY. IN ALL CASES WHERE CONSENT IS NOT OBTAINED, A STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT SIGNED BY THE PATIENT, HIS PARENT, GUARDIAN OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE PLACED IN THE PATIENT'S FILE.

IN CASES WHERE A VOLUNTARY PATIENT LEAVES A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE, THE SUPERINTENDENT OR DIRECTOR OF THE FACILITY, OR HIS DESIGNEE, SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE AN AFTERCARE PLAN.

(B) THE AFTERCARE PLAN, WHERE APPLICABLE, SHALL SPECIFY, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) DIAGNOSIS;
- (2) TREATMENT INITIATED;
- (3) MEDICATIONS AND THEIR DOSAGE SCHEDULES TOGETHER WITH AMOUNT OF MEDICATION SUPPLY PROVIDED THE PATIENT UPON RELEASE OR DISCHARGE;
- (4) DATE OF DISCHARGE OR RELEASE;
- (5) LOCATION OF COMMUNITY PLACEMENT;
- (6) PLAN FOR CONTINUING TREATMENT; AND
- (7) LIST OF REFERRALS INDICATED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
  - (I) PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES;
  - (II) LEGAL AID;
  - (III) EDUCATIONAL SERVICES;
  - (IV) VOCATIONAL SERVICES; AND
  - (V) MEDICAL TREATMENT OTHER THAN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.