

IN CARRYING OUT §§ 8-501 AND 8-502 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE POLICE SHALL MAKE EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE INTOXICATED INDIVIDUAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence of former Article 2C, § 303(e).

8-504. VOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS.

AN INTOXICATED INDIVIDUAL MAY GO VOLUNTARILY TO A DETOXIFICATION CENTER FOR MEDICAL OR PARAMEDICAL ATTENTION. HOWEVER, THE CENTER SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNABLE TO DECIDE RATIONALLY ABOUT HELP OR OTHERWISE ARE IN IMMEDIATE MEDICAL DANGER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 2C, § 303(b)(1) and (2).

8-505. DETOXIFICATION CENTERS -- IN GENERAL.

(A) DETERMINATIONS.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF A DETOXIFICATION CENTER MAY DETERMINE WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL IS:

- (1) TO BE GIVEN MEDICAL OR PARAMEDICAL ATTENTION, WITHOUT BEING ADMITTED TO THE CENTER;
- (2) TO BE ADMITTED TO THE CENTER;
- (3) TO BE REFERRED TO ANOTHER APPROPRIATE FACILITY FOR CARE AND TREATMENT; OR
- (4) TO BE DENIED ATTENTION, ADMISSION, AND REFERRAL.

(B) REFERRALS.

IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE CENTER DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL SHOULD RECEIVE TREATMENT AT ANOTHER FACILITY, THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD SHALL ARRANGE FOR THAT TREATMENT AND FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THAT FACILITY.

(C) DENIALS OF ADMISSION OR REFERRAL.

IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS DENIED ADMISSION AND REFERRAL AND HAS NO MONEY, AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL SHALL OFFER:

- (1) TO TAKE THE INDIVIDUAL HOME; OR
- (2) IF THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NO HOME, TO FIND FOR THE INDIVIDUAL ANOTHER FACILITY WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY OBTAIN SHELTER.