

§ 37" and to detention "a}s provided in Article 59, § 37" are deleted. Former Article 59, § 37 -- now § 10-706 of this article -- related solely to treatment plans for minors, while former Article 59, § 11 -- now § 10-608 et seq. of this article -- provided for voluntary admissions to a mental health facility. Since former Article 59, § 11(e) allows the temporary detention of individuals who are admitted to a mental health facility for treatment of alcoholism and, therefore, is inconsistent with the prohibition against detention in former Article 2C, § 304(d), the cross-reference is deleted. The Administration indicates that these references to former Article 59 are obsolete references to admission procedures in effect before the alcoholism control functions were removed from the jurisdiction of the Mental Hygiene Administration and that alcoholism treatment facilities do not detain individuals against their will.

Defined terms: "Chronic alcoholic" § 8-101
"Includes"/"including" § 1-101

8-508. OUTPATIENT AND AFTERCARE TREATMENT.

(A) ADMISSION REQUEST.

AN INDIVIDUAL MAY ASK VOLUNTARILY FOR ADMISSION TO AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM, WHETHER OR NOT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THE PROGRAM BEFORE.

(B) DETERMINATION.

AFTER AN INDIVIDUAL ASKS FOR ADMISSION TO AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM, THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF THE PROGRAM SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL IS TO BE ADMITTED. HOWEVER, THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD MAY NOT DENY READMISSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL SOLELY BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL PREVIOUSLY LEFT THE PROGRAM AGAINST THE ADVICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD.

(C) SCOPE OF PROGRAM.

AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM SHALL USE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNITY EFFORTS, INCLUDING WELFARE SERVICES, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, AND JOB REPLACEMENT, TO INTEGRATE A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC INTO SOCIETY AS A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN.

(D) RELAPSES.

(1) A CHRONIC ALCOHOLIC MAY NOT BE DROPPED FROM AN OUTPATIENT TREATMENT PROGRAM SOLELY BECAUSE OF A RELAPSE INTO INTOXICATION.