

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section is new language added for clarity.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the second sentence of former Article 41, § 206A(c)(1), as that sentence related to involuntary admissions to a mental health facility.

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that, while this section clearly indicates that a hearing on an involuntary admission is held, only § 10-632 sets out any provisions for this hearing. Cf., § 7-505 of this article, as to admission hearings under the Mental Retardation Law. Under Departmental rules, a hearing on an involuntary admission under this subtitle is held within 5 working days. See COMAR 10.01.01.03.

Defined terms: "Admission" § 10-101  
"Department" § 1-101

#### SUBTITLE 7. RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN FACILITIES.

##### 10-701. COMMUNICATIONS.

###### (A) CORRESPONDENCE.

(1) SUBJECT TO ANY REASONABLE LIMITATION THAT A FACILITY OR VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL IMPOSES, EACH INDIVIDUAL IN THE FACILITY OR HOSPITAL SHALL HAVE AVAILABLE, AT ALL REASONABLE HOURS, WRITING INSTRUMENTS, STATIONERY, AND POSTAGE AND MAY USE THEM TO WRITE TO ANYONE.

(2) THE CORRESPONDENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE SENT TO THE ADDRESSEE WITHOUT DELAY, AND EXCEPT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE ADDRESSEE, WITHOUT BEING OPENED.

###### (B) TELEPHONE.

EACH INDIVIDUAL IN A FACILITY OR IN A VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL SHALL HAVE ACCESS, AT ALL REASONABLE HOURS, TO A TELEPHONE AND MAY TELEPHONE ANYONE WHO HAS NOT GIVEN THE FACILITY OR HOSPITAL WRITTEN NOTICE OF BEING UNWILLING TO BE TELEPHONED.

###### (C) RESTRICTIONS.

(1) IF, FOR MEDICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, ACCESS TO WRITING INSTRUMENTS OR TELEPHONES IS LIMITED, THE LIMITATION SHALL BE: