

(b) (1) A commitment under this section shall be for at least 96 hours and not more than 6 weeks.

(2) Except during the first 96 hours after commitment, the Secretary or a designee of the Secretary may terminate the commitment if the Secretary or designee determines that continued commitment:

(i) Is not in the best interest of the individual; or

(ii) Does not serve any useful purpose.

(c) Before an individual is released from commitment under this section, the Secretary or designee shall give the judge that ordered commitment notice of the proposed date and time of release.

Subtitle [5] 7. Voluntary Admissions FOR DRUG ABUSERS.

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(a) In accordance with the rules and regulations that the Administration adopts, the administrative head of any certified facility may admit as a patient any drug abuser who is suitable for care and treatment if application for admission is made:

(1) Voluntarily by the drug abuser; or

(2) By a parent, guardian, or next of kin for an unmarried minor in the legal custody of, or dependent on, the parent, guardian, or next of kin.

(b) If, after admission of a patient under this section, the administrative head of the certified facility determines that it is in the best interest of the patient, the facility may keep the patient for not more than 30 days for care and treatment.

(c) (1) Except during the first 10 days after admission under this section, the administrative head of the certified facility may discharge the patient if:

(i) The patient has recovered; or

(ii) The administrative head does not consider the patient suitable for treatment in the certified facility.

(2) A discharge of an individual under this subsection does not prevent the individual from petitioning for commitment to the Administration.

SUBTITLE 7 8. PRIVILEGED INFORMATION