

**TITLE 450. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
SERVICES
CHAPTER 30. STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR STATE-OPERATED INPATIENT
SERVICES**

SUBCHAPTER 9. ROLE OF STATE-OPERATED INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC UNITS

450:30-9-3.1. Voluntary formal and informal admissions to a state-operated inpatient psychiatric unit

The executive director of the state-operated inpatient unit may receive and retain as a consumer, when there are available accommodations, any person eighteen (18) years of age or over, ~~who meets the admission criteria defined in 450:30-9-3,~~ and who voluntarily makes a written application for inpatient treatment.

(1) Any person presenting to a state-operated inpatient psychiatric unit for voluntary admission shall be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional, as defined by 43A O.S. §1-103 (11), who is employed by the state-operated inpatient psychiatric unit to determine that the requested admission is appropriate in accordance with the facility's admission criteria. If the licensed mental health professional determines that admission is necessary and an appropriate referral by a community mental health center has not been made, the licensed mental health professional will seek consent from the person making application for admission to contact the local community mental health center to discuss the admission of the consumer and review options for consideration in lieu of admission to the facility.

(2) A person being admitted to the state-operated inpatient psychiatric unit on a voluntary status must be able to grant consent for the admission. The licensed mental health professional shall ensure that the person signing the request for voluntary admission is competent to grant consent. If the person is unable or not competent to give consent, then the individual may be admitted through the civil involuntary commitment process.

(3) The written application for voluntary admission shall include:

- (A) the name of facility to which the request is made;
- (B) the current date and time;
- (C) the name and address of the person making the request;
- (D) the signatures of the person making the request;
- (E) the licensed mental health professional conducting the evaluation; and
- (F) the signature of a witness or notary.

(4) An individual presenting for voluntary admission with pending criminal charges against him or her shall not be admitted if he or she is confined in a jail or adult lock-up facility.

(5) An individual voluntarily admitted to the state-operated inpatient psychiatric unit shall not be detained for a period exceeding seventy-two (72) hours, excluding weekends and holidays, from receipt of notice of the consumer's desire to leave such inpatient treatment facility.

(6) The state-operated inpatient psychiatric unit shall refer, with appropriate signed consent by the individual, persons who do not meet the criteria for admission and

are refused admission to an appropriate agency or service. Appropriate documentation of the referral and reason for the non-admission shall be made.

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