

PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 23, 24, OR 27 OF THIS ARTICLE, MAY BE RELEASED IF:

(1) THE PATIENT, IF RELEASED, WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A DANGER TO HIMSELF OR TO THE SAFETY OF THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER; AND

(2) THE PATIENT, IF RELEASED, COULD LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY WITH APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 88A, § 108 OF THE CODE.

IN EACH CASE THE DIRECTOR, HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, OR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF ANY FACILITY STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL AFTER OBTAINING THE PATIENT'S WRITTEN CONSENT SHALL:

(I) CERTIFY THAT A PERSON MEETS REQUIREMENTS OF (C) (1) AND (2);

~~(II) CERTIFY THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUITABLE HOUSING AND AFTER CARE SERVICES HAVE BEEN MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SERVICES PROVIDER AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN REQUIRED BY SECTION 32B OF THIS ARTICLE;~~

~~(III) (II)~~ NOTIFY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF ORIGIN OF THE PATIENT OR THE SERVICES PROVIDER, OR BOTH, AS APPROPRIATE; AND

~~(IV) (III)~~ DISCHARGE THE PERSON WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF CERTIFICATION TO THE CARE OF THE PRINCIPAL PROVIDER OF SERVICES.

(3) A PATIENT MAY BE RELEASED ON A CONDITIONAL BASIS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. THIS RELEASE MAY BE ON ANY BASIS AS TO DURATION, TREATMENT, OR CARE DEEMED REASONABLE BY THE OFFICIAL APPROVING THE RELEASE.

(4) IN EACH CASE, UPON NOTIFICATION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF ORIGIN OF THE PATIENT SHALL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUITABLE HOUSING AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE DIRECTOR, HIS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN REQUIRED BY SECTION 32B OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1979.

Approved May 29, 1979.