

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1498c Definitions; P to S.**

Sec. 498c. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(a) "Person in loco parentis" means a person who is not the parent or guardian of a minor, but who has either legal custody of a minor or physical custody of a minor and is providing support and care for the minor.

(b) "Suitable for hospitalization" means a determination concerning a minor that all of the following criteria are met:

(i) The minor is a minor requiring treatment.

(ii) The minor is in need of hospitalization and is expected to benefit from hospitalization.

(iii) An appropriate, less restrictive alternative to hospitalization is not available.

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