

MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 258 of 1974

330.1742 Seclusion.

Sec. 742. (1) Seclusion shall be used only in a hospital, a center, or a child caring institution licensed under 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128. A resident placed in a hospital or center shall not be kept in seclusion except in the circumstances and under the conditions set forth in this section.

(2) A minor placed in a child caring institution shall not be placed or kept in seclusion except as provided in 1973 PA 116, MCL 722.111 to 722.128, or rules promulgated under that act.

(3) A resident may be placed in seclusion only as provided under subsection (4), (5), or (6) and only if it is essential in order to prevent the resident from physically harming others, or in order to prevent the resident from causing substantial property damage.

(4) Seclusion may be temporarily employed for a maximum of 30 minutes in an emergency without an authorization or an order. Immediately after the resident is placed in temporary seclusion, a physician shall be contacted. If, after being contacted, the physician does not authorize or order the seclusion, the resident shall be removed from seclusion.

(5) A resident may be placed in seclusion under an authorization by a physician. Authorized seclusion shall continue only until a physician can personally examine the resident or for 1 hour, whichever is less.

(6) A resident may be placed in seclusion under an order of a physician made after personal examination of the resident to determine if the ordered seclusion poses an undue health risk to the resident. Ordered seclusion shall continue only for that period of time specified in the order or for 8 hours, whichever is less. An order for a minor shall continue for a maximum of 4 hours.

(7) A secluded resident shall continue to receive food, shall remain clothed unless his or her actions make it impractical or inadvisable, shall be kept in sanitary conditions, and shall be provided a bed or similar piece of furniture unless his or her actions make it impractical or inadvisable.

(8) A secluded resident shall be released from seclusion whenever the circumstance that justified its use ceases to exist.

(9) Each instance of seclusion requires full justification for its use, and the results of each periodic examination shall be placed promptly in the record of the resident.

(10) If a resident is secluded repeatedly, the resident's individual plan of services shall be reviewed and modified to facilitate the reduced use of seclusion.

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