

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

**330.1774 Appeals committee.**

Sec. 774. (1) The director shall appoint an appeals committee consisting of 7 individuals, none of whom shall be employed by the department or a community mental health services program, to hear appeals of recipient rights matters. The committee shall include at least 3 members of the state recipient rights advisory committee and 2 primary consumers.

(2) The board of a community mental health services program shall do 1 of the following:

(a) Appoint an appeals committee consisting of 7 individuals, none of whom shall be employed by the department or a community mental health services program, to hear appeals of recipients' rights matters. The appeals committee shall include at least 3 members of the recipient rights advisory committee, 2 board members, and 2 primary consumers. A member of the appeals committee may represent more than 1 of these categories.

(b) Designate the recipient rights advisory committee as the appeals committee.

(3) The governing body of a licensed hospital shall designate the appeals committee of the local community mental health services program to hear an appeal of a decision on a recipient rights matter brought by or on behalf of a recipient of that community mental health services program.

(4) The governing body of a licensed hospital shall do 1 of the following with respect to an appeal of a decision on a recipient rights matter brought by or on behalf of an individual who is not a recipient of a community mental health services program:

(a) Appoint an appeals committee consisting of 7 members, none of whom shall be employed by the department or a community mental health services program, 2 of whom shall be primary consumers and 2 of whom shall be community members.

(b) By agreement with the department, designate the appeals committee appointed by the department to hear appeals of rights complaints brought against the licensed hospital.

(5) An appeals committee appointed under this section may request consultation and technical assistance from the department.

(6) A member of an appeals committee who has a personal or professional relationship with an individual involved in an appeal shall abstain from participating in that appeal as a member of the committee.

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