

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

**330.1776 Rights complaint; filing; contents; recording; acknowledgment; notice; assistance; conduct of investigation.**

Sec. 776. (1) A recipient, or another individual on behalf of a recipient, may file a rights complaint with the office alleging a violation of this act or rules promulgated under this act.

(2) A rights complaint shall contain all of the following information:

(a) A statement of the allegations that give rise to the dispute.

(b) A statement of the right or rights that may have been violated.

(c) The outcome that the complainant is seeking as a resolution to the complaint.

(3) Each rights complaint shall be recorded upon receipt by the office, and acknowledgment of the recording shall be sent along with a copy of the complaint to the complainant within 5 business days.

(4) Within 5 business days after the office receives a complaint, it shall notify the complainant if it determines that no investigation of the rights complaint is warranted.

(5) The office shall assist the recipient or other individual with the complaint process. The office shall advise the recipient or other individual that there are advocacy organizations available to assist in preparation of a written rights complaint and shall offer to refer the recipient or other individual to those organizations. In the absence of assistance from an advocacy organization, the office shall assist in preparing a written rights complaint. The office shall inform the recipient or other individual of the option of mediation under section 786.

(6) If a rights complaint has been filed regarding the conduct of the executive director, the rights investigation shall be conducted by the office of another community mental health services program or by the state office of recipient rights as decided by the board.

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