

MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 258 of 1974

330.1786 Notice of decision; appeal.

Sec. 786. (1) Within 45 days after receiving written notice of the decision of an appeals committee under section 784(5), the appellant may file a written appeal with the department. The appeal shall be based on the record established in the previous appeal, and on the allegation that the investigative findings of the local office of recipient rights are not consistent with the facts or with law, rules, policies, or guidelines.

(2) Upon receipt of an appeal under subsection (1), the department shall give written notice of receipt of the appeal to the appellant, respondent, local office of recipient rights holding the record of the complaint, and the responsible mental health agency. The respondent, local office of recipient rights holding the record of the complaint, and the responsible mental health agency shall ensure that the department has access to all necessary documentation and other evidence cited in the complaint.

(3) The department shall review the record based on the allegation described in subsection (1). The department shall not consider additional evidence or information that was not available during the appeal under section 784, although the department may return the matter to the board or the governing body of the licensed hospital requesting an additional investigation.

(4) Within 30 days after receiving the appeal, the department shall review the appeal and do 1 of the following:

(a) Affirm the decision of the appeals committee.

(b) Return the matter to the board or the governing body of the licensed hospital with instruction for additional investigation and consideration.

(5) The department shall provide copies of its action to the respondent, appellant, recipient if different than the appellant, the recipient's guardian if a guardian has been appointed, the board of the community mental health services program or the governing body of the licensed hospital, and the local office of recipient rights holding the record.

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