

**PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 368 of 1978**

**333.21785 Discontinuance of operation; notice; relocation of patients.**

Sec. 21785. (1) If a nursing home proposes to discontinue operation, the licensee shall notify the department of public health and the department of social services of the impending discontinuance of operation. The licensee shall notify the patient and the patient's next of kin, patient's representative, and the party executing the contract under section 21766 of the proposed date of the discontinuance. The notice shall be sufficient to make suitable arrangements for the transfer and care of the patient.

(2) The notices required by this section shall be given not less than 30 days before the discontinuance.

(3) The licensee and the department of social services shall be responsible for securing a suitable relocation of a patient who does not have a relative or legal representative to assist in his or her relocation before the discontinuance of operation. The licensee and the department of social services shall keep the department of public health informed of their efforts and activities in carrying out this responsibility. The department of social services shall make available to the licensee and the department of public health assistance necessary to assure the effectiveness of efforts to secure a suitable relocation.

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