

222.13 Voluntary admissions.

1. If an adult person is believed to be a person with mental retardation, the adult person or the adult person's guardian may submit a request through the central point of coordination process for the county board of supervisors to apply to the superintendent of any state resource center for the voluntary admission of the adult person either as an inpatient or an outpatient of the resource center. After determining the legal settlement of the adult person as provided by this chapter, the board of supervisors shall, on forms prescribed by the administrator, apply to the superintendent of the resource center in the district for the admission of the adult person to the resource center. An application for admission to a special unit of any adult person believed to be in need of any of the services provided by the special unit under section 222.88 may be made in the same manner, upon request of the adult person or the adult person's guardian. The superintendent shall accept the application providing a preadmission diagnostic evaluation, performed through the central point of coordination process, confirms or establishes the need for admission, except that an application may not be accepted if the institution does not have adequate facilities available or if the acceptance will result in an overcrowded condition.

2. If the resource center has no appropriate program for the treatment of an adult or minor person with mental retardation applying under this section or section 222.13A, the board of supervisors shall arrange for the placement of the person in any public or private facility within or without the state, approved by the director of the department of human services, which offers appropriate services for the person, as determined through the central point of coordination process.

3. Upon applying for admission of an adult or minor person to a resource center, or a special unit, or upon arranging for the placement of the person in a public or private facility, the board of supervisors shall make a full investigation into the financial circumstances of that person and those liable for that person's support under section 222.78 to determine whether or not any of them are able to pay the expenses arising out of the admission of the person to a resource center, special treatment unit, or public or private facility. If the board finds that the person or those legally responsible for the person are presently unable to pay the expenses, the board shall direct that the expenses be paid by the county. The board may review its finding at any subsequent time while the person remains at the resource center, or is otherwise receiving care or treatment for which this chapter obligates the county to pay. If the board finds upon review that the person or those legally responsible for the person are presently able to pay the expenses, the finding shall apply only to the charges incurred during the period beginning on the date of the review and continuing thereafter, unless and until the board again changes its finding. If the board finds that the person or those legally responsible for the person are able to pay the expenses, the board shall direct that the charges be so paid to the extent required by section 222.78, and the county auditor shall be responsible for the collection of the charges.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **3464, 3477.2**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, § 222.54, 223.13; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 222.13]

83 Acts, ch 96, § 157, 159; 95 Acts, ch 82, §7; 96 Acts, ch 1183, § 2; 97 Acts, ch 169, § 2; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §51; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §33