

222.59 Alternative to state resource center placement.

1. Upon receiving a request from an authorized requester, the superintendent of a state resource center shall coordinate with the central point of coordination process in assisting the requester in identifying available community-based services as an alternative to continued placement of a patient in the state resource center. For the purposes of this section, "*authorized requester*" means the parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor patient, the guardian of an adult patient, or an adult patient who does not have a guardian. The assistance shall identify alternatives to continued placement which are appropriate to the patient's needs and shall include but are not limited to any of the following:

a. Providing information on currently available services that are an alternative to residence in the state resource center.

b. Referring the patient to an appropriate case management agency or other provider of service.

2. If a patient was admitted pursuant to section 222.13 or section 222.13A and the patient wishes to be placed outside of the state resource center, the discharge for the placement shall be made in accordance with the provisions of section 222.15.

3. If a patient was involuntarily committed, a petition for approval of a proposed placement outside the state resource center shall be filed, by the authorized requester or the superintendent of the state resource center where the patient is placed, with the court which made the commitment with either of the following recommendations for the court's consideration:

a. That the patient's commitment is no longer necessary and should be discontinued.

b. That the patient's commitment is still appropriate but the patient should be transferred to another public or private facility in accordance with the provisions of section 222.31, subsection 1.

[C97, § 2698; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **3405, 3446**; C46, § 221.4; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, § 222.36, 223.19; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 222.59]

83 Acts, ch 96, § 157, 159; 90 Acts, ch 1271, § 1502; 95 Acts, ch 82, §11; 96 Acts, ch 1183, § 5; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §51; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §33