

**218.92 Patients with dangerous mental disturbances.**

When a patient in a state resource center for persons with mental retardation, a state mental health institute, or another institution under the administration of the department of human services has become so mentally disturbed as to constitute a danger to self, to other patients or staff of the institution, or to the public, and the institution cannot provide adequate security, the administrator in charge of the institution, with the consent of the director of the Iowa department of corrections, may order the patient to be transferred to the Iowa medical and classification center, if the superintendent of the institution from which the patient is to be transferred, with the support of a majority of the medical staff, recommends the transfer in the interest of the patient, other patients, or the public. If the patient transferred was hospitalized pursuant to [sections 229.6 to 229.15](#), the transfer shall be promptly reported to the court that ordered the hospitalization of the patient, as required by [section 229.15, subsection 5](#). The Iowa medical and classification center has the same rights, duties, and responsibilities with respect to the patient as the institution from which the patient was transferred had while the patient was hospitalized in the institution. The cost of the transfer shall be paid from the funds of the institution from which the transfer is made.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §218.92; 82 Acts, ch 1100, §5]

83 Acts, ch 96, §69, 159; 89 Acts, ch 83, §34; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §33; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §113; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §29, 51

See also §226.30