

CHAPTER 220A

INTERAGENCY INFORMATION SERVICE ON PERSONS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES

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220A.1 Purpose.

The purpose of [this chapter](#) is to permit information concerning persons who are believed to have mental disabilities to be efficiently used by and exchanged among the state and local governments, their departments and agencies, and with other public or private agencies, where the use or exchange of the information is for the purpose of assisting any of the agencies in providing care, evaluation, services, assistance, education, or habilitation to such persons.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.1]
96 Acts, ch 1129, §40

220A.2 Definitions.

When used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Department*” means the department of human services.
2. “*Private agency*” means any individual and any nonprofit or business organization authorized under the laws of Iowa.
3. “*Public agency*” means any agency, department, board, commission, or division of the state of Iowa or the United States, any political subdivision of or school board in the state of Iowa, any state of the United States, and the District of Columbia.
4. “*Service*” means the interagency case information service.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.2]
83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159

220A.3 Administrative agency.

The department of human services is hereby designated as the administrative agency to provide for a central data control and exchange agency known as the interagency case information service.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.3]
83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159

220A.4 Agencies involved.

The service shall receive from and make available to the following state agencies case information on persons who are believed to have mental disabilities: the Iowa department of public health, the department of education, the state board of regents, and the department of human services.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.4]
83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §41
Referred to in [§220A.6](#)

220A.5 Duties of department.

The department shall:

1. Administer and enforce the provisions of [this chapter](#).
2. Be the official agency to join or co-operate with the government of the United States or any state of the United States and the District of Columbia through their appropriate agencies or departments in carrying out the provisions of [this chapter](#).
3. Apply for and receive funds, appropriations, moneys, grants, gifts, or services of any kind from the United States or any agency thereof, as well as this state and any person or

private agency for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of [this chapter](#) and the services hereunder.

4. Make such reports and budget estimates to the governor and to the general assembly as are necessary to obtain the appropriation of state funds for the service.

5. Co-operate with the other state departments and public and private agencies as authorized by [this chapter](#) in obtaining, exchanging, and disseminating case information.

6. Employ personnel for the administration of the service and contract with other public or private agencies to carry out the services.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.5]

220A.6 Information to others.

The state agencies designated in [section 220A.4](#) may receive from and disseminate to other public agencies or private agencies such information as is necessary or proper for the purpose of providing evaluation services, treatment services, education, support, or habilitation services to the person with a mental disability. The enumerated state agencies or their designated staff shall be authorized to make determination of the proper receipt or dissemination of information to other public or private agencies.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.6]

96 Acts, ch 1129, §42

220A.7 Restrictions not applicable.

Any law or departmental rule of the state of Iowa which restricts or declares confidential information concerning persons who are believed to have mental disabilities shall not apply to information exchanged through the service for the purposes of [this chapter](#). Information supplied under a restriction by the government of the United States, its departments or agencies, or by other state government, its departments and agencies, shall be processed in compliance with such restrictions. Any case information restricted by any order of court shall be processed in compliance with the order.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.7]

96 Acts, ch 1129, §43

220A.8 Statistical information.

For purposes of research, study, and public information, public or private agencies may receive from the service comprehensive statistical information which may be disseminated to the public. Such information shall not use names of individual persons nor be so specific as to make possible the identification of individual persons.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.8]

220A.9 Statutory immunity.

Any person or any public or private agency or employee thereof who participates in good faith in the collection, exchange, or dissemination of case information for the purposes of [this chapter](#) shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, which might be otherwise imposed.

[C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §220A.9]