

**225.15 Examination and treatment.**

When a respondent arrives at the state psychiatric hospital, the admitting physician shall examine the respondent and determine whether or not, in the physician's judgment, the respondent is a fit subject for observation, treatment, and hospital care. If, upon examination, the physician decides that the respondent should be admitted to the hospital, the respondent shall be provided a proper bed in the hospital; and the physician who has charge of the respondent shall proceed with observation, medical treatment, and hospital care as in the physician's judgment are proper and necessary, in compliance with [sections 229.13 to 229.16](#).

A proper and competent nurse shall also be assigned to look after and care for the respondent during observation, treatment, and care. Observation, treatment, and hospital care under [this section](#) which are payable in whole or in part by a county shall only be provided as determined through the central point of coordination process.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, §3969; C39, §**3482.15**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §225.15]  
96 Acts, ch 1183, §10; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §33

Referred to in [§225.16](#), [225.17](#)