

**227.4 Standards for care of persons with mental illness or mental retardation in county care facilities.**

The administrator, in cooperation with the department of inspections and appeals, shall recommend and the mental health, mental retardation, developmental disabilities, and brain injury commission created in [section 225C.5](#) shall adopt standards for the care of and services to persons with mental illness or mental retardation residing in county care facilities. The standards shall be enforced by the department of inspections and appeals as a part of the licensure inspection conducted pursuant to [chapter 135C](#). The objective of the standards is to ensure that persons with mental illness or mental retardation who are residents of county care facilities are not only adequately fed, clothed, and housed, but are also offered reasonable opportunities for productive work and recreational activities suited to their physical and mental abilities and offering both a constructive outlet for their energies and, if possible, therapeutic benefit. When recommending standards under [this section](#), the administrator shall designate an advisory committee representing administrators of county care facilities, county mental health and developmental disabilities regional planning councils, and county care facility resident advocate committees to assist in the establishment of standards.

[S81, §227.4; 81 Acts, ch 78, §20, 34]

85 Acts, ch 122, §2; 94 Acts, ch 1170, §37; 99 Acts, ch 129, §11; 2004 Acts, ch 1090, §7; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §98

Referred to in [§225C.4](#), [225C.6](#), [227.2](#)