

**222.15 Discharge of patients admitted voluntarily.**

[This section](#) applies to any person who was voluntarily admitted to a state resource center or other facility in accordance with the provisions of [section 222.13](#) or [222.13A](#). Except as otherwise provided by [this section](#), if the person or the person's parent, guardian, or custodian submits a written request for the person's release, the person shall be immediately released.

1. If the person is an adult and was admitted pursuant to an application by the person or the person's guardian and the request for release is made by a different person, the release is subject to the agreement of the person voluntarily admitted or the person's guardian, if the guardian submitted the application.

2. If the person is a minor who was admitted pursuant to the provisions of [section 222.13A](#), the person's release prior to becoming eighteen years of age is subject to the consent of the person's parent, guardian, or custodian, or to the approval of the court if the admission was approved by the court.

[SS15, §2727-a96; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §~~3473~~; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §223.9; C66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §222.15]

[95 Acts, ch 82, §9](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1112, §51](#); [2013 Acts, ch 130, §19, 35](#)

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