

**125.32 Acceptance for treatment — rules.**

The department shall adopt and may amend and repeal rules for acceptance of persons into the treatment program, subject to [chapter 17A](#), considering available treatment resources and facilities, for the purpose of early and effective treatment of persons with substance-related disorders and concerned family members. In establishing the rules the department shall be guided by the following standards:

1. If possible a patient shall be treated on a voluntary rather than an involuntary basis.
2. A patient shall be initially assigned or transferred to outpatient treatment, unless the patient is found to require inpatient, residential, or halfway house treatment.
3. A person shall not be denied treatment solely because the person has withdrawn from treatment against medical advice on a prior occasion or because the person has relapsed after earlier treatment.
4. An individualized treatment plan shall be prepared and maintained on a current basis for each patient after the assessment process.
5. Provision shall be made for a continuum of coordinated treatment services, so that a person who leaves a facility or a form of treatment will have available and may utilize other appropriate treatment.

[C75, 77, §125.15; C79, 81, §125.32]

[86 Acts, ch 1001, §6](#); [86 Acts, ch 1245, §1134](#); [90 Acts, ch 1085, §8](#); [2011 Acts, ch 121, §35, 62](#)

Referred to in [§125.3, 125.7](#)