

125.85 Custody, discharge, and termination of proceeding.

1. A respondent committed under [section 125.84, subsection 2](#), shall remain in the custody of a facility for treatment for a period of thirty days, unless sooner discharged. The department is not required to pay the cost of any medication or procedure provided to the respondent during that period which is not necessary or appropriate to the specific objectives of detoxification and treatment of substance use disorder. At the end of the thirty-day period, the respondent shall be discharged automatically unless the administrator of the facility, before expiration of the period, obtains a court order for the respondent's recommitment pursuant to an application under [section 125.75](#), for a further period not to exceed ninety days.

2. A respondent recommitted under [subsection 1](#) who has not been discharged by the facility before the end of the ninety-day period shall be discharged at the expiration of that period unless the administrator of the facility, before expiration of the period, obtains a court order for the respondent's recommitment pursuant to an application under [section 125.75](#), for a further period not to exceed ninety days.

3. Upon the filing of an application for recommitment under [subsection 1 or 2](#), the court shall schedule a recommitment hearing for no later than ten days after the date the application is filed. A copy of the application, the notice of hearing, and any reports shall be served or provided in the manner and to the persons as required by [sections 125.77 through 125.80, 125.83, and 125.84](#).

4. Following a respondent's discharge from a facility or from treatment, the administrator of the facility shall immediately report that fact to the court which ordered the respondent's commitment or treatment. The court shall issue an order confirming the respondent's discharge from the facility or from treatment, as the case may be, and shall terminate the proceedings pursuant to which the order was issued. Copies of the order shall be sent by regular mail to the facility and the respondent.

5. A person who is placed for evaluation at a facility under [section 125.83](#) or who is committed to a facility under [section 125.84, subsection 2](#), shall remain at that facility unless discharged or otherwise permitted to leave by the court or administrator of the facility. If a person placed at a facility or committed to a facility leaves the facility without permission or without having been discharged, the administrator may notify the sheriff of the person's absence and the sheriff shall take the person into custody and return the person promptly to the facility.

[C75, 77, §125.19; C79, 81, §229.52(3 – 5), 229.53; 82 Acts, ch 1212, §13]

92 Acts, ch 1072, §2; 99 Acts, ch 144, §1; 2021 Acts, ch 80, §66; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §122

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Subsection 1 amended