

225.10 Voluntary public patients.

Persons suffering from mental diseases may be admitted to the state psychiatric hospital as voluntary public patients if a physician authorized to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in the state of Iowa or a physician assistant who meets the qualifications set forth in the definition of a mental health professional in [section 228.1](#) files information with the regional administrator for the person's county of residence, stating all of the following:

1. That the physician or physician assistant who meets the qualifications set forth in the definition of a mental health professional in [section 228.1](#) has examined the person and finds that the person is suffering from some abnormal mental condition that can probably be remedied by observation, treatment, and hospital care.

2. That the physician or physician assistant who meets the qualifications set forth in the definition of a mental health professional in [section 228.1](#) believes it would be appropriate for the person to enter the state psychiatric hospital for that purpose and that the person is willing to do so.

3. That neither the person nor those legally responsible for the person are able to provide the means for the observation, treatment, and hospital care.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, §3964; C39, §**3482.10**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §225.10] 2006 Acts, ch 1059, §1; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §141; 2013 Acts, ch 90, §47; 2015 Acts, ch 69, §20; 2016 Acts, ch 1073, §68; 2022 Acts, ch 1066, §23, 24

Referred to in [§225.12](#), [225.16](#), [225.30](#)

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For future repeal of this section, effective July 1, 2025, see 2024 Acts, ch 1161, §135, 137