

**441—28.12(217) Release of confidential information.**

**28.12(1)** Information defined by statute as confidential concerning current or former patients or residents of the mental health institutes or hospital-schools shall not be released to a person, agency or organization, who is not authorized by law to have access to the information, unless the patient or resident authorizes the release. Authorization shall be given by using Form MH-2201-0.

**28.12(2)** Persons admitted or committed to a mental health institute or a hospital-school and who are not able to pay their own way in full shall authorize the department to obtain information necessary to establish whether they have legal settlement in Iowa or in another state. Authorization shall be given using Form MH-2203-0, Authorization to Release Information for Settlement.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 217.30.