

CHAPTER 122**MENTALLY ILL AND RETARDED SERVICE STANDARDS***H.F. 742*

AN ACT relating to the prospective repeal of chapter 225C and the enforcement of certain service standards for the mentally ill and mentally retarded.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 225C.4, subsection 1, paragraph s, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

s. In co-operation with the state department of health, recommend and enforce minimum standards under section 227.4 for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded persons residing in county care facilities.

Sec. 2. Section 227.4, Code 1985, is amended to read as follows:

227.4 STANDARDS FOR CARE OF MENTALLY ILL AND MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS IN COUNTY CARE FACILITIES.

The director, in co-operation with the state department of health, shall recommend, and the mental health and mental retardation commission shall adopt standards for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded persons residing in county care facilities. The standards shall be enforced by the state department of health as a part of the licensure inspection conducted pursuant to chapter 135C. The objective of the standards is to ensure that mentally ill and mentally retarded residents of county care facilities are not only adequately fed, clothed, and housed, but are also offered reasonable opportunities for productive work and recreational activities suited to their physical and mental abilities and offering both a constructive outlet for their energies and, if possible, therapeutic benefit. When recommending standards under this section, the director shall designate an advisory committee representing administrators of county care facilities, county co-ordinating boards, and county care facility care review committees to assist in the establishment of standards.

Sec. 3. 1981 Iowa Acts, chapter 78, section 20, as amended by 1982 Iowa Acts, chapter 1117, section 2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. **NEW SECTION. 225C.19 FUTURE STATUS OF DIVISION.**

This chapter is repealed effective July 1, 1990.

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