

225.10 Voluntary public patients.

Persons suffering from mental diseases may be admitted as voluntary public patients as follows: Any physician authorized to practice medicine, osteopathy, or osteopathic medicine in the state of Iowa may file information with any district court of the state or with any judge thereof, stating that the physician has examined the person named therein and finds that the person is suffering from some abnormal mental condition that can probably be remedied by observation, treatment, and hospital care; that the physician 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; and that neither the person nor those legally responsible for the person are able to provide the means for such observation 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]