

645.150 Prerequisite for involuntary hospitalization -- Discharge of voluntary patient -- Notice of discharge required.

- (1) A child hospitalized under this chapter shall receive necessary and appropriate treatment.
- (2) Except as provided for in KRS 645.120, no child shall be hospitalized involuntarily unless in the opinion of two (2) qualified mental health professionals, at least one (1) of whom is a physician, he meets the criteria set out in KRS 645.090.
- (3) An authorized staff physician shall discharge any voluntary patient who is no longer mentally ill to a parent, guardian or person exercising custodial control or supervision, or to an appropriate adult or agency having custody.
- (4) A hospital which discharges a child for any reason shall notify in writing the court which originally certified hospitalization, explaining the circumstances under which the child was discharged, as soon as practicable.

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