

**202C.120 Notification of receiving psychiatric facility -- Transportation of patient.**

- (1) The court which orders any respondent transferred to a forensic psychiatric facility under KRS 202C.050 or 504.110(3), shall at once notify the receiving hospital or psychiatric facility that such order has been made, advising of the sex and condition of the respondent and any other pertinent information.
- (2) After the forensic psychiatric facility has been so notified, the court shall order the sheriff of the county or other peace officer to transport the respondent within forty-eight (48) hours, excluding weekends and holidays, from the county in which the respondent is located to the forensic psychiatric facility designated by the cabinet. The sheriff or other peace officer may, upon agreement of a person authorized by the peace officer, authorize the cabinet, a private agency on contract with the cabinet, or an ambulance service designated by the cabinet to transport the respondent to the forensic psychiatric facility.
- (3) Any respondent released from a forensic psychiatric facility under KRS 202C.030 or 202C.060 shall be transported to the respondent's county of discharge by a sheriff or other peace officer, by an ambulance service designated by the cabinet, or by other appropriate means of transportation which is consistent with the treatment plan of that respondent. The cost of transporting the respondent to the respondent's county of discharge when performed by a peace officer, ambulance service, or other private agency on contract with the cabinet shall be paid by the cabinet in accordance with an administrative regulation issued by the cabinet pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

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