

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy

Short Visit and Intrastate Transfer

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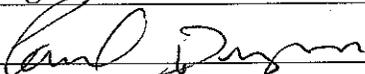
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The Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) is committed to providing each patient with quality psychiatric and medical care in the least restrictive setting that safely meets the patient's treatment planning and recovery needs. Where these services are clinically indicated and can best be provided either on an outpatient basis or from another designated hospital, a short visit or intrastate transfer can be used. These are mechanisms provided by law to continue the Commissioner's supervision of a VPCH patient while this care is provided, and shall only be used when the continuation of custody is necessary to allow for treatment outside of the hospital setting. All services provided to VPCH patients shall meet the needs of the patients in accordance with acceptable standards of practice, including those provided outside of the hospital.

DEFINITIONS

Short Visit: Vermont statute provides that the VPCH Chief Executive Officer "may grant a visit permit of not more than 30 days to any patient under his charge".

Intrastate Transfer: Intrastate transfer is the transfer of a patient " between the Vermont State Hospital, or its successor in interest, and designated hospitals if the commissioner determines that it would be consistent with the medical needs of the patient to do so" 18 V.S.A. §7901.

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