

**76-1958. Transfer of certain patients from certain institutions to veterans' home; priorities.** (a) The commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities of the Kansas department for aging and disability services, with the approval of the secretary for aging and disability services and the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office, may transfer patients in the state hospitals in Topeka, Osawatomie and Lamed and patients in the Rainbow mental health facility, the Parsons state hospital and training center and the Winfield state hospital and training center who have served in the military or naval forces of the United States or whose husband, wife, father, son or daughter has served in the active military or naval service of the United States during any period of any war as defined in K.S.A. 76-1954, and amendments thereto, and was discharged or relieved therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, to the Kansas veterans' home. No patient who is such a mentally ill person, in the opinion of the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities, that because of such patient's illness such patient is likely to injure oneself or others shall be so transferred to such Kansas veterans' home, and no such patient shall be so transferred if such transfer will deny admission to persons entitled to admission under K.S.A. 76-1954, and amendments thereto, and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Persons so transferred shall not be considered as members of the Kansas veterans' home but shall be considered as patients therein.

(b) All of the laws, rules and regulations relating to patients in the above-specified state hospitals and mental health facilities shall be applicable to such patients so transferred insofar as the same can be made applicable. Any patient so transferred who is found to be or shall become such a mentally ill person, in the opinion of the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities, that because of such patient's illness such patient is likely to injure oneself or others or who is determined to need additional psychiatric treatment, shall be retransferred by the superintendent of the Kansas veterans' home, with the approval of the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities and the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office, to the institution from which the patient was originally transferred.

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