

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1772 Definitions.**

Sec. 772. As used in this chapter:

(a) "Allegation" means an assertion of fact made by an individual that has not yet been proved or supported with evidence.

(b) "Appeals committee" means a committee appointed by the director or by the board of a community mental health services program or licensed hospital under section 774.

(c) "Appellant" means the recipient, complainant, parent, or guardian who appeals a recipient rights finding or a respondent's action to an appeals committee.

(d) "Complainant" means an individual who files a rights complaint.

(e) "Investigation" means a detailed inquiry into and systematic examination of an allegation raised in a rights complaint.

(f) "Mediation" means a private, informal dispute resolution process in which an impartial, neutral individual, in a confidential setting, assists parties in reaching their own settlement of issues in a dispute and has no authoritative decision-making power.

(g) "Office" means all of the following:

(i) With respect to a rights complaint involving services provided directly by or under contract with the department, unless the provider is a community mental health services program, the state office of recipient rights created under section 754.

(ii) With respect to a rights complaint involving services provided directly by or under contract with a community mental health services program, the office of recipient rights created by a community mental health services program under section 755.

(iii) With respect to a rights complaint involving services provided by a licensed hospital, the office of recipient rights created by a licensed hospital under section 755.

(h) "Rights complaint" means a written or oral statement that meets the requirements of section 776.

(i) "Respondent" means the service provider that had responsibility at the time of an alleged rights violation for the services with respect to which a rights complaint has been filed.

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