

MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 258 of 1974

330.1726 Communication by mail and telephone; visits.

Sec. 726.

(1) A resident is entitled to unimpeded, private, and uncensored communication with others by mail and telephone and to visit with persons of his or her choice, except in the circumstances and under the conditions set forth in this section.

(2) Each facility shall endeavor to implement the rights guaranteed by subsection (1) by making telephones reasonably accessible, by ensuring that correspondence can be conveniently and confidentially received and mailed, and by making space for visits available. Writing materials, telephone usage funds, and postage shall be provided in reasonable amounts to residents who are unable to procure such items.

(3) Reasonable times and places for the use of telephones and for visits may be established and, if established, shall be in writing and posted in each living unit of a residential program.

(4) The right of a resident to communicate by mail or telephone or receive visitors shall not be further limited except as authorized in the resident's individual plan of services.

(5) A limitation upon the rights guaranteed by subsection (1) shall not apply between a resident and an attorney or a court, or between a resident and other individuals if the communication involves matters that are or may be the subject of legal inquiry.

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