

AN ACT
RELATING TO HEALTH; CHANGING THE ADMISSION AND TREATMENT
CRITERIA AT THE ADOLESCENT TREATMENT HOSPITAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 23-9-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 60, Section 2) is amended to read:

"23-9-2. DEFINITIONS. --As used in the Adolescent Treatment Hospital Act:

A. "adolescent" means a person aged thirteen through twenty;

B. "adolescent treatment hospital" means the hospital created pursuant to the Adolescent Treatment Hospital Act;

C. "board" means the adolescent treatment hospital governing board;

D. "adolescent residential treatment facility" means the facility created pursuant to the Adolescent Treatment Hospital Act; and

E. "coordinated treatment panel" means the group made up of trained health and mental health professionals who review and approve psychosocial treatment recommendations, develop psychosocial treatment alternatives, track costs and cost-effectiveness and evaluate outcomes; and

F. "secretary" means the secretary of health."

Section 2. Section 23-9-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 60, Section 6) is amended to read:

"23-9-6. HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS--TREATMENT.--

A. Adolescents shall be admitted to the adolescent treatment hospital and adolescent residential treatment facility only in accordance with the provisions of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code or the Children's Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act. The coordinated treatment panel may make recommendations on admissions.

B. The secretary shall, in consultation with the board, define admittance criteria; provided that the criteria may not exclude adolescents in the custody of other agencies who might otherwise meet the criteria for services provided through the adolescent treatment hospital.

C. The Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code or the Children's Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Act shall apply to inpatient treatment."