

**202A.171 When discharge is required. (Effective until October 1, 2026)**

An authorized staff physician of a hospital shall discharge an involuntary patient when he no longer meets the criteria for involuntary hospitalization.

**Effective:** July 1, 1982

**History:** Created 1982 Ky. Acts ch. 445, sec. 22, effective July 1, 1982.

**Legislative Research Commission Note.** This section was enacted in 1982 Acts, Chapter 445, which contains the following language in Section 45 of that Act: "This Act shall become effective on July 1, 1982." The Ky. Constitution, in Section 55, requires that a reason be set forth for the emergency. However, no reason is set forth in this Act. The effective date for 1982 Acts with no emergency provision is July 15, 1982.