

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

Except as provided otherwise in this chapter, an authorized staff physician of a hospital shall discharge an involuntary patient when he no longer meets the criteria for involuntary hospitalization.

Effective: October 1, 2026

History: Amended 2026 Ky. Acts ch. 92, sec. 25, effective October 1, 2026. -- 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.