

1 AN ACT relating to chemical dependency treatment services.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 222 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) Any treatment center or program licensed as a chemical dependency treatment
6 service pursuant to KRS 216B.042 shall provide transportation services to
7 residents who wish to voluntarily leave the treatment program if:

8 (a) After expressing the intent to voluntarily leave, the treatment center or
9 program licensed as a chemical dependency treatment service pursuant to
10 KRS 216B.042 informs a family member, guardian, or emergency contact of
11 the resident's desire to leave; and

12 (b) The resident's family member, guardian, or emergency contact does not
13 agree to transport the resident within twenty-four (24) hours.

14 (2) Transportation services shall include providing the resident access to:

15 (a) A ride-sharing service and purchasing a one (1) way service to the
16 resident's hometown of record; or

17 (b) Public transportation, including but not limited to transporting the resident
18 to the nearest commercial bus station and purchasing a ticket to the
19 resident's hometown of record.

20 (3) The facilities described in subsection (1) of this section and law enforcement
21 officers shall only transport residents voluntarily leaving the facility to public
22 transportation locations, the location to meet the driver of a ride-sharing service,
23 or the resident's home.

24 (4) Prior to admitting a resident into the facility described in subsection (1) of this
25 section, the facility shall conduct a search of any outstanding warrants.

26 (5) A facility that is not licensed as a chemical dependency treatment service
27 pursuant to KRS 216B.042 shall be exempt from this section.