§11-94-14  GENERAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES.

(a) There shall be written policies and procedures available to staff, patients, and the public which govern:

...(2) Admission, transfer and discharge of patients.

(b) There policies shall ensure that:

...(3) As changes occur in a patient's physical or mental condition necessitating a different level of service or care which cannot be adequately provided by the facility, the patients are transferred promptly to a facility capable of providing an appropriate level of care.

(4) Except in the case of an emergency, the patient or the patient’s guardian, the next of kin, attending physician, and the responsible agency, if any, shall be informed in advance of the transfer or discharge to another facility.

§11-94-26  PATIENTS' RIGHTS.

(a) Written policies regarding the rights and responsibilities of patients during their stay in the facility shall be established and shall be made available to the patient, to any guardian, next of kin, sponsoring agency or representative payee, and to the public. The facility's policies and procedures shall provide that each individual admitted to the facility shall:

...(2) Be fully informed, prior to or at the time of admission and during stay, or services available in or through the facility and of related charges, including any charges for services not covered by the facility's basic per diem rate.

(5) Be transferred or discharged only for medical reasons, or for their welfare or that of other patients, or for nonpayment for their stay, and be given reasonable advance notice to ensure orderly transfer or discharge; such actions shall be documented in their health record.