§11-94-14 General policies and practices.

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

(1) All services provided by the facility.

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

(b) There policies shall insure that:

(1) The facility shall not deny admission to any individual on account of race, religion, color, ancestry, or national origin.

(2) Only those patients are accepted whose needs can be met by the facility directly or in cooperation with community resources or other providers of care with which it is affiliated or has contracts.

(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.

(5) The facility's buildings are constructed and equipped to protect the health and assure the safety of patients, personnel, and visitors.