

105 CMR: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

105 CMR 921.000: ASSURING VISITATION AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITALS FOR PATIENTS HAVING A RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL SUPPORT

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921.001: Purpose

105 CMR 921.000 sets forth requirements that patients in hospitals operated by the Department who are involved in relationships of mutual support have the same visitation rights as all other patients.

921.002: Authority

105 CMR 921.000 is promulgated under the authority of M.G.L. c. 111, § 3; c. 111, § 69E; c. 111, § 62I and c. 122, § 1.

921.003: Scope

105 CMR 921.000 applies to the Lemeul Shattuck Hospital, Western Massachusetts Hospital, The Massachusetts Hospital School, and Tewksbury Hospital.

921.004: Definitions

Department means the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Relationship of Mutual Support means a relationship between two individuals, each unmarried and competent to contract, characterized by mutual caring and emotional support; an agreement to share basic living expenses; a sharing of living quarters and an intent to do so indefinitely; a mutual assumption of responsibility for each other's welfare; and a mutual expectation that the relationship is exclusive and will endure over time.

921.005: Hospitals Operated by the Department - Assuring Visitation

All hospitals operated by the Department shall ensure that visitation privileges for persons having a relationship of mutual support with patients are the same as visitation privileges established for spouses at each facility.

921.006: Visitation Privileges - Conditions

As a condition of visitation privileges being extended to a person having a relationship of mutual support with a patient, the patient must certify to the official in charge of the county hospital, where necessary, the existence of his or her relationship of mutual support.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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