

**KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD
POLICY and PROCEDURE**

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TITLE: EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED PATIENTS	SECTION: LAND AMBULANCE
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Emotionally disturbed patients will be treated and receive the same patient care as other patients in the health care system.

2. PROCEDURE

2.1 Dispatch will obtain as much information as possible, which will be relayed to the ambulance staff and /or police. Dispatch will always determine the:

- a) name and address of the patient.
- b) name and telephone number of the caller.
- c) patient's condition, behaviour and other pertinent information.

2.2 Ambulance staff can transport patients against their will if:

- a) an application for assessment by a physician, (Form 1 Mental Health Act) has been received by the ambulance staff.
- b) an order for assessment signed by a Justice of the Peace, (Form 2 Mental Health Act) has been received by the ambulance staff.
- c) the patient is to be detained in a psychiatric facility under a certificate of involuntary admission, (Form 3 Mental Health Act) or a Certificate of Renewal (Form 4 Mental Health Act).
- d) the patient is to be remanded by a judge for admission to a psychiatric facility, (Form 8 Mental Health Act).
- e) Absent Without Leave and is subject of an order for return to a psychiatric facility, (Form 9 Mental Health Act).

2.3 Police assistance will be requested through dispatch for violent or potentially violent patients.

2.4 An escort (in addition to ambulance staff) designated by a Justice of the Peace or a hospital officer in charge or designate must accompany the patient to maintain the custody of the patient in custody or under a Lieutenant Governor's Warrant during transit.

2.5 The attending physician will determine the need for an escort of disturbed patients not covered by procedures 3 and 4 as per above.

2.6 In all cases, a medical practitioner is responsible for designating either the person or the persons to accompany the patient. Restraints for disturbed patients are the responsibility of the physician or police officer and, if required, are to be provided and applied by hospital staff.

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